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EXTERNAL VOWEL SANDHI

ac-sandhiḥ ❁ अच्चन्धः

EXTERNAL VOWEL SANDHI

What happens when the **final vowel** of one word comes into contact with the **initial vowel** of the following word?

External vowel sandhi refers to these processes.

BUT FIRST...

We need to talk about final vowels that are “immune” to *sandhi*. They never change, regardless of the sound that follows. These vowels are called *pragṛhyam*, and they are:

- ❖ a final *ī*, *ū*, or *ē* in the dual (e.g. *kavī*, *gurū*, *sēnē*)
- ❖ the final vowel of *amī* (“those,” masc.nom.pl.)

Be careful about applying vowel sandhi in the dual nominative-accusative.

THREE PROCESSES

Vowel sandhi has three main processes:

- ❖ synhaeresis (fusion) of *similar* vowels; or
- ❖ the fusion of *dissimilar* vowels in diphthongs,
- ❖ or through glide formation.



SYNHAERESIS

When a **simple** vowel (*a/ā, i/ī, u/ū, ṛ/ṝ*) is followed by a vowel of the same *quality*, regardless of its *quantity*, the result is a *single long vowel*.

SYNHAERESIS

अत्र # अस्ति ^

Result:

अत्रास्ति

“it is here”

SYNHAERESIS

सा # अस्ति ^

Result:

सास्ति

“it is she”

SYNHAERESIS

योगी # इव

Result:

योगीव

“like a yōgī”

SYNHAERESIS

मधु # उत्सवः

Result:

मधूत्सवः

“spring festival”

GLIDE FORMATION

When the **high vowels** (*i/ī, u/ū, ṛ/ṝ*) are followed by any *dissimilar* vowel, they become the corresponding semivowels (*iKō yaṄ aCi*).

GLIDE FORMATION

दधि # अत्र ^

Result:

दृध्यत्र

“yogurt here”

GLIDE FORMATION

दधि # उत ^

Result:

दध्युत

“yogurt or ...”

GLIDE FORMATION

मधु # अत्र ^

Result:

मध्वत्र

“honey here”

GLIDE FORMATION

मधु # इह ^

Result:

माधवह

“honey here”

GLIDE FORMATION

कर्तृ # अत्र ^

Result:

कर्त्रम्

“the doer (n.) here”



GLIDE FORMATION

Something similar applies to the **diphthongs** (*ē*, *ō*, *ai*, and *au*) as well: when they are followed by any other vowel, they “resolve” into their original segments, sometimes with additional developments. Let’s look at each one:

GLIDE FORMATION

तौ # इमौ ^

Result:

[tāuimāu]

“these are them”

GLIDE FORMATION

तौ # इमौ ^

Result:

[tāvimāu]

“these are them”

GLIDE FORMATION

तौ # इमौ ^

Result:

ताविमौ

“these are them”

GLIDE FORMATION

The same thing happens with \bar{o} , as long as it is not followed by the vowel a :

GLIDE FORMATION

गौ # एषणम् ^

Result:

[gauaisaṇam]

“cow-seeking”

GLIDE FORMATION

गौ # एषणम् ^

Result:

[gavaɪsaṇam]

“cow-seeking”

GLIDE FORMATION

In the case of *ai* and *ē*, the resulting glide is lost:

GLIDE FORMATION

गौ # एवेषणम्

Result:

गवेषणम्

“cow-seeking”

GLIDE FORMATION

तस्मै # इह ^

Result:

[tasmaīiha]

“to him here”

GLIDE FORMATION

तस्मै # इह ^

Result:

[tasma^īyihā]

“to him here”

GLIDE FORMATION

तस्मै # इह ^

Result:

[tasma^āyihā]

“to him here”

GLIDE FORMATION

तस्मै # इह ^

Result:

तस्मा इह

“to him here”

GLIDE FORMATION

वने # इह

Result:

[vanaaiha]

“in this forest”

GLIDE FORMATION

वने # इह

Result:

[vanayiha]

“in this forest”

GLIDE FORMATION

वने # इह

Result:

[vana^yiha]

“in this forest”

GLIDE FORMATION

वने # इह ^

Result:

वन इह

“in this forest”



GLIDE FORMATION

When either ē or ō is followed by a, however, ē and ō remains unchanged, and a is elided, and replaced in writing with an *avagrahāḥ* (S).

(Every instance of final -ō that I can think of is really an instance of final *visargāḥ*, so I will discuss those examples in the context of *visargasandhiḥ*.)

GLIDE FORMATION

ते # अ॒त्र

Result:

तेऽत्र

“these here”

DIPHTHONGIZATION

Finally we can talk about a final *a* or *ā* that is followed by any dissimilar vowel. These will result in the *diphthongs*:

DIPHTHONGIZATION

a/ā	+	i/ī	→	ē
a/ā	+	u/ū	→	ō
a/ā	+	ṛ/ṝ	→	ar
a/ā	+	ē/ai	→	ai
a/ā	+	ō/au	→	au

DIPHTHONGIZATION

यथा # इच्छसि

Result:

यथेच्छसि

“as you wish”

DIPHTHONGIZATION

अथ # उत्तम्

Result:

अथोत्तम्

“then it was said”

DIPHTHONGIZATION

तथा # एव ^

Result:

तथैव

“just like that”

DIPHTHONGIZATION

इह # | ^ ओढनम्

Result:

इहौढनम्

“rice here”

	अ	इ	उ	ऋ	ए	ओ	ऐ	औ
अ	आ	ए	ओ	अर्	ऐ	औ	ऐ	औ
इ	य	ई	यु	इर्	ये	यो	यै	यौ
उ	व	वि	ऊ	उर्	वे	वो	वै	वौ
ऋ	र	रि	रु	ऋ	रे	रो	रै	रौ
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उ	व	वि	ऊ	उर्	वे	वो	वै	वौ
ऋ	र	रि	魯	ऋ	रे	रो	रै	रौ
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इ	य	ई	यु	इर्	ये	यो	यै	यौ
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ਉ	ਵ	ਵਿ	ਊ	ਤ੍ਰ	ਵੇ	ਵੋ	ਵੈ	ਵੌ
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ਓ	ਓਡ	ਅਵਿ	ਅਕੁ	ਅਕ੍ਰੂ	ਅਕੇ	ਅਕੋ	ਅਕੈ	ਅਕੈ
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