

Types of assimilation

- Progressive/regressive/reciprocal
- Historical/contextual
- Partial/complete

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Reciprocal assimilation

- reciprocal = bilateral; involving two sides. Both sounds influence each other and a new sound is formed.
- Did you [dɪd ju:] → [dɪdʒu:]
- Coalescence

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Regressive assimilation

- **re-** = back regressive = backward going
The direction is backward. A sound influences another sound before (preceding) it. (anticipatory)
- ten boys [tɛn bɔɪs] /b/ = bilabial /n/ = alveolar
/n/ → /m/ (bilabial)

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Reciprocal assimilation

/d/ + /j/ → /dʒ/
 /t/ + /j/ → /tʃ/
 /s/ + /j/ → /ʃ/ alveolar → palatoalveolar
 /z/ + /j/ → /ʒ/

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Progressive assimilation

- **pro-** = forward progressive = forward going
The direction is forward. A sound influences another sound after (following) it.
 - books [bʊks] /k/ = voiceless & /s/ = voiceless
 - bags [bægz] /g/ = voiced & /z/ = voiced
- /s, z ʃ, ʒ tʃ, dʒ/ /ɪz/

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