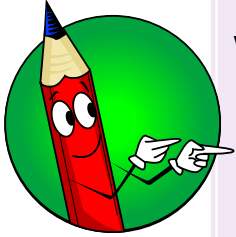Name: _____

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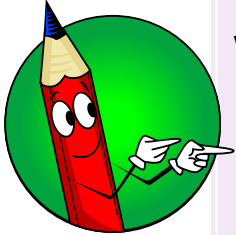3) the word originally ends in -ss or -mit (discuss discussion admit admission)

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