Suffix Spelling Rules — Apply the Rule

3 rules cover almost every -ing/-ed/-er spelling change. This worksheet gives one practice page per rule from the suffix-spelling-rules guide.

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How to use this worksheet

1. Read the rule at the top of the page.
2. Read the base word and the suffix being added.
3. Write the correctly-spelled result on the line — remember to apply that page's rule (no change, double, or drop the e).
4. Check your spelling against the suffix-spelling-rules guide once you're done.

Example — this is what a correct answer looks like:

run + ing -> **running**

Tip

Do a quick word-sort after each page: mix a few results from all 3 rules and sort them into 'no change,' 'doubled,' and 'dropped the e' piles.

Rule 1 — Just Add It

Most words need no change at all before the suffix.

jump + ing -> _____

walk + ed -> _____

help + er -> _____

clean + ing -> _____

paint + ed -> _____

Rule 2 — Double the Final Consonant

One consonant, right after one short vowel — double it before adding the suffix.

run + ing -> _____

stop + ed -> _____

hop + er -> _____

swim + ing -> _____

sit + ing -> _____

Rule 3 — Drop the Silent E

Drop the e before adding -ing, -ed, or -er.

make + ing -> _____

ride + ing -> _____

bake + er -> _____

smile + ing -> _____

hope + ed -> _____