

Spellings: Vowel Suffixes

The rule:

When you add vowel suffixes to a root word, you either:

- Do nothing, just add the suffix (where word ends in 2 consonants)
e.g. sorting, sorted, longer, longest
- Drop the e and add the suffix
e.g. dance, dancing, danced / nice, nicer, nicest
- Change y to i and add the suffix (where word ends with a consonant followed by a y and only for -ed)
e.g. reply, replying, replied / copy, copying, copied but play, playing, played
- Double the consonant and add the suffix (where the word ends in a short vowel sound and consonant)
e.g. shop, shopping, shopped / fit, fitting, fitted / fit, fitter, fittest

Activity 1 –

A spelling robot has made some mistakes. Correct the words and explain which rule the robot got wrong.

hope + ing = hopeing → _____

stop + ed = stoped → _____

reply + ed = replied → _____

fit + er = fiter → _____

play + ed = plaied → _____

Challenge: Write two sentences using two of these words.

Activity 2 - Find words using vowel suffixes.

M	B	I	F	R	E	I	N	N	U	F	O	K	Z
B	R	W	G	X	W	R	B	M	F	L	Q	C	S
O	S	H	Q	T	U	H	G	R	H	R	P	S	H
G	N	I	T	A	R	A	P	E	S	C	Y	D	I
D	U	Q	S	E	S	M	I	D	R	S	D	G	N
Z	W	I	W	L	T	K	G	M	I	D	J	N	I
W	C	E	R	I	E	A	R	O	W	A	G	I	E
B	F	O	M	A	G	E	N	B	D	N	K	N	R
W	C	C	P	B	D	Z	P	E	K	C	X	N	R
H	X	G	A	I	P	Q	I	I	T	E	B	I	I
X	C	L	K	G	E	L	E	T	E	D	L	G	D
I	Z	V	J	M	P	R	S	O	K	S	M	E	H
O	K	F	T	E	O	A	K	B	T	E	T	B	L
F	F	O	R	G	E	T	T	I	N	G	I	F	U

- Forgetting
- Beginning
- Copier
- Shinier
- Noisy
- Sleepiest
- Funnier
- Danced
- Replied
- Separating