Ending Switch

Sort words by how they change when you add -ing.

RF.3.3.d "Know and apply spelling rules to write (encode) words with increased accuracy and automaticity."

NAME _____ DATE _____

DOUBLE THE LAST LETTER

If a one-syllable word ends in one short vowel followed by one consonant other than w, x, or y, double the consonant before adding -ing.

nod + ing = nodding

JUST ADD -ING

If a one-syllable word ends in two consonants, keep both letters and add -ing.

lift + ing = lifting

1 SORT

8 items

In Part 1, circle DOUBLE or ADD for each numbered word; in Part 2, choose two items and explain how you knew which action to take.

1.	hop + ing	DOUBLE ADD
2.	rub + ing	DOUBLE ADD
3.	help + ing	DOUBLE ADD
4.	jump + ing	DOUBLE ADD
5.	milk + ing	DOUBLE ADD
6.	sit + ing	DOUBLE ADD
7.	park + ing	DOUBLE ADD
8.	tap + ing	DOUBLE ADD

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new one-syllable word for DOUBLE and one for ADD, then spell each word with -ing.

DOUBLE _____

ADD _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using the -ing forms of one DOUBLE word and one ADD word from Part 1, and underline both -ing words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	hop + ing	**DOUBLE**	Hop ends in a short vowel and one consonant, so it becomes hopping.
2	rub + ing	**DOUBLE**	Rub ends in a short vowel and one consonant, so it becomes rubbing.
3	help + ing	**ADD**	Help ends in two consonants, so it becomes helping.
4	jump + ing	**ADD**	Jump ends in two consonants, so it becomes jumping.
5	milk + ing	**ADD**	Milk ends in two consonants, so it becomes milking.
6	sit + ing	**DOUBLE**	Sit ends in a short vowel and one consonant, so it becomes sitting.
7	park + ing	**ADD**	Park ends in two consonants, so it becomes parking.
8	tap + ing	**DOUBLE**	Tap ends in a short vowel and one consonant, so it becomes tapping.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **DOUBLE**: pin + ing = pinning
- **ADD**: camp + ing = camping

Challenge: I am hopping while my brother is jumping.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the short vowel and single final consonant or the two final consonants. For example, hop becomes hopping because its final consonant doubles, while help becomes helping because its two final consonants stay the same.