Last Letter Switch

Sort words by the spelling change you make.

2.LF.38.n "Encode words with prefixes and suffixes, including words with dropped e and y-to-i changes for suffix addition."

NAME _____ DATE _____

DROP E

When a base word ends in a silent e, drop the e before adding ing.

make + ing = making

CHANGE Y TO I

When a base word ends in a consonant and y, change the y to i before adding ed.

try + ed = tried

1 SORT

8 items

Circle DROP or CHANGE for each item, then choose one item from each group and explain how you knew.

1. bake + ing = baking — DROP CHANGE
2. hope + ing = hoping — DROP CHANGE
3. carry + ed = carried — DROP CHANGE
4. ride + ing = riding — DROP CHANGE
5. study + ed = studied — DROP CHANGE
6. hurry + ed = hurried — DROP CHANGE
7. smile + ing = smiling — DROP CHANGE
8. dance + ing = dancing — DROP CHANGE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each group and explain how you knew.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new base word + suffix = word for DROP and one for CHANGE. Do not use a word from the sort.

DROP _____

CHANGE _____

CHALLENGE

Use one new DROP word and one new CHANGE word in a sentence, then show how you built each word.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	bake + ing = baking	**DROP**	The silent e in bake is dropped before ing is added.
2	hope + ing = hoping	**DROP**	The silent e in hope is dropped before ing is added.
3	carry + ed = carried	**CHANGE**	The final y in carry changes to i before ed is added.
4	ride + ing = riding	**DROP**	The silent e in ride is dropped before ing is added.
5	study + ed = studied	**CHANGE**	The final y in study changes to i before ed is added.
6	hurry + ed = hurried	**CHANGE**	The final y in hurry changes to i before ed is added.
7	smile + ing = smiling	**DROP**	The silent e in smile is dropped before ing is added.
8	dance + ing = dancing	**DROP**	The silent e in dance is dropped before ing is added.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one item from each group and explain how you knew.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **DROP**: slide + ing = sliding
- **CHANGE**: copy + ed = copied

Challenge: We were skating when my friend cried. skate + ing = skating; cry + ed = cried.

For Part 2, each explanation should name the base word's last letter and tell what changed when the suffix was added. Accept other correctly spelled examples in Part 3.