The ING Switch

Sort base words before adding ing

3.W.8.c "Spelling – Using correct spelling for irregularly spelled words (e.g., said, does, gone) and other studied words and for adding affixes to base words. Using spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

DROP THE E

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

hike + ing = hiking

KEEP THE LETTERS

If a base word ends in two consonant letters, keep the base word as it is and add ing.

jump + ing = jumping

1 SORT

8 items

For each pair, circle DROP or KEEP and write the finished word, then choose one item from each group and explain how you knew.

1. bake + ing — DROP KEEP
2. paint + ing — DROP KEEP
3. help + ing — DROP KEEP
4. smile + ing — DROP KEEP
5. wave + ing — DROP KEEP
6. ride + ing — DROP KEEP
7. park + ing — DROP KEEP
8. dance + ing — DROP KEEP

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 plus ing for DROP and one for KEEP, and spell both finished words.

DROP _____

KEEP _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using both finished words you made.

ANSWER KEY # The ING Switch

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	bake + ing	**DROP**	Baking: drop the final silent e.
2	paint + ing	**KEEP**	Painting: keep the base word, which ends in nt.
3	help + ing	**KEEP**	Helping: keep the base word, which ends in lp.
4	smile + ing	**DROP**	Smiling: drop the final silent e.
5	wave + ing	**DROP**	Waving: drop the final silent e.
6	ride + ing	**DROP**	Riding: drop the final silent e.
7	park + ing	**KEEP**	Parking: keep the base word, which ends in rk.
8	dance + ing	**DROP**	Dancing: drop the final silent e.

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**: hope + ing = hoping
- **KEEP**: wash + ing = washing

Challenge: I am hoping to finish washing the dishes.

DROP: 1, 4, 5, 6, 8. KEEP: 2, 3, 7. For the explanations, accept a final silent e for DROP and two final consonant letters for KEEP.