Word Ending Detectives

Students use word endings and sentence clues to understand meaning.

1.RV.1.E "Determine the meaning of an unknown word using frequently occurring root words and inflectional affixes (e.g. -s, -ing, -ed)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT

a	kick	kicked	kicking
b	look	looking	looked
c	dog	dogs	dogging

2 MATCH MEANINGS

hopped	•	•	more than one
is raining	•	•	before
books	•	•	now

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Model a root and ending in a sentence, such as "I washed my hands yesterday." Explain that -ing signals ongoing action; surrounding words show its time: was raining, is raining, will be raining. Read every prompt aloud and have learners use the whole sentence with the ending.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · CIRCLE IT

SAY "Listen for the word ending that gives a clue. I will read each choice, then you will circle the word that answers the question."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Complete the sentence about the baby moving her legs now: "The baby is ___ her legs now." Read kick, kicked, kicking. Which word fits?	**kicking**
b	This happened yesterday. Read look, looking, looked. Which word means it happened before? Circle the word you hear.	**looked**
c	I see more than one dog. Read dog, dogs, dogging. Which word means more than one? Circle the word you hear.	**dogs**

PART 2 · MATCH MEANINGS

SAY "Listen: "The rabbit hopped yesterday. It is raining now. I have two books." Match hopped, is raining and books to the meaning clues on the right. Use the sentences as well as the endings."

- **hopped** matches **before**
- **is raining** matches **now**
- **books** matches **more than one**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1: kicking, looked, dogs. Part 2: hopped/before; is raining/now in the given sentence; books/more than one. Rain plus -ing describes ongoing rain; is and now place it in the present here. Do not teach -ing alone as meaning now.