

Suffix Switch

Spot when a suffix changes the base word.

4.2.A.v "decoding words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants; and"

NAME _____

DATE _____

SPELLING STAYS

The base word keeps all of its letters when you add the suffix.

bright + ness = brightness

SPELLING CHANGES

The base word spelling changes when you add the suffix. You may drop a final e, change y to i, or double a final consonant.

lazy + est = laziest

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each word equation, circle KEEP or CHANGE, then pick two items and explain which letters stayed the same or changed and why.

1. hope + ing = hoping

KEEP

CHANGE

2. sunny + er = sunnier

KEEP

CHANGE

3. jump + ed = jumped

KEEP

CHANGE

4. plan + ing = planning

KEEP

CHANGE

5. neat + ly = neatly

KEEP

CHANGE

6. care + less = careless

KEEP

CHANGE

7. bake + ed = baked

KEEP

CHANGE

8. big + er = bigger

KEEP

CHANGE

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 word equation for KEEP and one new word equation for CHANGE.

KEEP _____

CHANGE _____

CHALLENGE

Choose a base word that needs a spelling change. Add two different suffixes to make two correct words.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	hope + ing = hoping	CHANGE	The final e is dropped before adding -ing.
2	sunny + er = sunnier	CHANGE	The y changes to i before adding -er.
3	jump + ed = jumped	KEEP	The spelling of jump stays the same before adding -ed.
4	plan + ing = planning	CHANGE	The final n is doubled before adding -ing.
5	neat + ly = neatly	KEEP	The spelling of neat stays the same before adding -ly.
6	care + less = careless	KEEP	The final e stays when -less is added.
7	bake + ed = baked	CHANGE	The final e is dropped before adding -ed.
8	big + er = bigger	CHANGE	The final g is doubled before adding -er.

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)

- **KEEP:** soft + ness = softness
- **CHANGE:** carry + ed = carried

Challenge: race + ing = racing; race + ed = raced

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Answers: 1 CHANGE, 2 CHANGE, 3 KEEP, 4 CHANGE, 5 KEEP, 6 KEEP, 7 CHANGE, 8 CHANGE. In Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify unchanged spelling, dropping e, changing y to i, or doubling a final consonant.