

Suffix Switch

Look at the base word before you add the suffix.

4.2.B.vi "spelling 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 _____

BASE CHANGES

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

slide + ing = sliding

BASE STAYS

Add the suffix without changing any letters in the base word.

play + er = player

1 SORT

8 items

Part 1: Circle CHANGES or STAYS for each word build; Part 2: pick two items and explain how you knew which category each one belongs in.

1. bake + ing = baking

CHANGES

STAYS

2. rain + y = rainy

CHANGES

STAYS

3. farm + er = farmer

CHANGES

STAYS

4. carry + ed = carried

CHANGES

STAYS

5. plan + ing = planning

CHANGES

STAYS

6. quick + ly = quickly

CHANGES

STAYS

7. use + able = usable

CHANGES

STAYS

8. stop + ed = stopped

CHANGES

STAYS

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 build for CHANGES and one new word build for STAYS.

CHANGES _____

STAYS _____

CHALLENGE

Use one base word to make two new words, one in CHANGES and one in STAYS. Show both word builds.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	bake + ing = baking	CHANGES	The silent e is dropped before -ing.
2	rain + y = rainy	STAYS	No letters in rain change.
3	farm + er = farmer	STAYS	No letters in farm change.
4	carry + ed = carried	CHANGES	The final y changes to i before -ed.
5	plan + ing = planning	CHANGES	The final consonant p doubles before -ing.
6	quick + ly = quickly	STAYS	No letters in quick change.
7	use + able = usable	CHANGES	The silent e is dropped before -able.
8	stop + ed = stopped	CHANGES	The final consonant p doubles before -ed.

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)

- **CHANGES:** drive + er = driver
- **STAYS:** kind + ness = kindness

Challenge: hope + ing = hoping; hope + ful = hopeful

For Part 2, students should name the spelling change or state that the base word kept all of its letters. Accept other correct word builds that clearly fit each category.