

Suffix Switch Sort

Check how base words change before adding a suffix.

5.2.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 _____

SPELLED CORRECTLY

These words use the needed suffix change. A word may drop a silent e, change y to i, or double its final consonant.

shine + ing → shining

NEEDS FIXING

These spellings have a suffix change that is missing or incorrect. Check the base word before adding the suffix.

shine + ing → shineing

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle CORRECT or FIXING for each spelling, then choose two items and explain which suffix rule helped you decide.

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| 1. hug + ing → hugging | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIXING |
| 2. smile + ing → smiling | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIXING |
| 3. fry + ed → fried | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIXING |
| 4. hope + ing → hopeing | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIXING |
| 5. drop + ed → dropped | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIXING |
| 6. run + er → runner | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIXING |
| 7. enjoy + ment → enjoyment | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIXING |
| 8. use + able → usable | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIXING |

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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 _____

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MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new CORRECT example and one new FIXING example using a base word and a suffix.

CORRECT _____

FIXING _____

CHALLENGE

Write a base word ending in consonant plus y, add -ness, and explain the spelling change.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	hug + ing → hugging	FIXING	hug is a short-vowel word ending in one consonant, so g must double before -ing.
2	smile + ing → smiling	CORRECT	Drop the silent e before adding -ing.
3	fry + ed → fried	CORRECT	Change consonant-plus-y to i before adding -ed.
4	hope + ing → hoping	FIXING	The silent e should be dropped before adding -ing.
5	drop + ed → dropped	FIXING	drop is a short-vowel word ending in one consonant, so p must double before -ed.
6	run + er → runner	CORRECT	run is a short-vowel word ending in one consonant, so n doubles before -er.
7	enjoy + ment → enjoyment	CORRECT	The y stays because it follows a vowel.
8	use + able → usable	CORRECT	Drop the silent e before adding -able.

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)

- **CORRECT:** dance + ing → dancing
- **FIXING:** dance + ing → danceing

Challenge: happy + ness → happiness. I changed y to i before adding -ness.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Part 2 explanations should name the needed change for each chosen item, such as dropping e, changing y to i, or doubling a final consonant. Accept other accurate examples in Part 3 and the challenge.