

Double or Single?

Use word parts and syllable stress to spell suffixes.

4.FFW.2.A "Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to spell accurately."

NAME _____

DATE _____

DOUBLE THE FINAL CONSONANT

When adding -ing or -ed, double the final consonant if a one-syllable word, or a word with stress on its last syllable, ends in one vowel followed by one consonant. Do not double w, x, or y.

clapped

KEEP ONE CONSONANT

Do not double when the base word ends in two vowels, two consonants, or an unstressed last syllable. Also keep w, x, and y single.

floating

1 SORT _____ 8 items

In PART 1, circle DOUBLE or SINGLE for each word; in PART 2, choose two items and explain which spelling clue helped you sort each one.

1. hopping

DOUBLE

SINGLE

2. forgetting

DOUBLE

SINGLE

3. raining

DOUBLE

SINGLE

4. planned

DOUBLE

SINGLE

5. opening

DOUBLE

SINGLE

6. visiting

DOUBLE

SINGLE

7. permitting

DOUBLE

SINGLE

8. looking

DOUBLE

SINGLE

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

In PART 3, write one new word that belongs in DOUBLE and one new word that belongs in SINGLE.

DOUBLE _____

SINGLE _____

CHALLENGE

Write the correct -ing form of begin, mix, and open. Sort each word under DOUBLE or SINGLE.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	hopping	DOUBLE	Hop is one syllable and ends vowel-consonant, so p doubles before -ing.
2	forgetting	DOUBLE	Forget has stress on the last syllable and ends vowel-consonant, so t doubles before -ing.
3	raining	SINGLE	Rain ends with two vowels before the final consonant, so n does not double.
4	planned	DOUBLE	Plan is one syllable and ends vowel-consonant, so n doubles before -ed.
5	opening	SINGLE	Open has an unstressed last syllable, so n does not double.
6	visiting	SINGLE	Visit has an unstressed last syllable, so t does not double.
7	permitting	DOUBLE	Permit has stress on the last syllable and ends vowel-consonant, so t doubles before -ing.
8	looking	SINGLE	Look ends with two vowels before the final consonant, so k does not double.

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)

- **DOUBLE:** rubbed
- **SINGLE:** jumping

Challenge: DOUBLE: beginning. SINGLE: mixing, opening.

For PART 2, students should name the base word and a clue such as one syllable, final stress, two vowels, two consonants, or an unstressed last syllable. The challenge also checks the exception that x is not doubled.