

Double or Single

Build words by adding -ed and -ing.

5.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 CONSONANT

Before adding -ed or -ing, double the final consonant of a one-syllable base word that ends with one short vowel followed by one consonant.

plan + -ed → planned

KEEP ONE CONSONANT

Keep the final consonant single when the one-syllable base word does not end with one short vowel followed by one consonant.

reach + -ed → reached

1 SORT

8 items

For each word, circle DOUBLE or SINGLE, then choose two items and explain how the base word and suffix show your choice.

1. run + -ing → running

DOUBLE

SINGLE

2. swim + -ing → swimming

DOUBLE

SINGLE

3. jump + -ed → jumped

DOUBLE

SINGLE

4. clap + -ed → clapped

DOUBLE

SINGLE

5. clean + -ed → cleaned

DOUBLE

SINGLE

6. wait + -ing → waiting

DOUBLE

SINGLE

7. grab + -ed → grabbed

DOUBLE

SINGLE

8. mail + -ed → mailed

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

Write one new word with a doubled final consonant and one new word with a single final consonant.

DOUBLE _____

SINGLE _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence using a DOUBLE word. Then identify its base word and suffix.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	run + -ing → running	DOUBLE	Run is one syllable and ends with a short u followed by one consonant.
2	swim + -ing → swimming	DOUBLE	Swim is one syllable and ends with a short i followed by one consonant.
3	jump + -ed → jumped	SINGLE	Jump ends with two consonants, m and p.
4	clap + -ed → clapped	DOUBLE	Clap is one syllable and ends with a short a followed by one consonant.
5	clean + -ed → cleaned	SINGLE	Clean has the vowel team ea before the final consonant.
6	wait + -ing → waiting	SINGLE	Wait has the vowel team ai before the final consonant.
7	grab + -ed → grabbed	DOUBLE	Grab is one syllable and ends with a short a followed by one consonant.
8	mail + -ed → mailed	SINGLE	Mail has the vowel team ai before the final consonant.

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:** pin + -ed → pinned
- **SINGLE:** float + -ed → floated

Challenge: The dog wagged its tail. Base word: wag. Suffix: -ed.

For Part 2, students should identify the base word, the suffix, and the ending pattern that supports DOUBLE or SINGLE. Accept different accurate examples in Part 3 and the challenge.