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."

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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.

ANSWER KEY

Double or Single

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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.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. 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.