

Spelling Practice 5: Double the Final Consonant

When adding suffixes to words with a final consonant and a consonant-vowel-consonant (c-v-c) pattern, follow the rules for doubling the final consonant. In most words that do not follow the c-v-c pattern, the final consonant is not doubled when adding a suffix.

Spelling Rules

1. In one-syllable words that end in a c-v-c pattern, double the final consonant when adding a suffix beginning with a vowel, but not when adding a suffix beginning with a consonant.

Example: The word *top* is one syllable with the c-v-c pattern. When adding *-ed* or *-ing*, double the final consonant and add the suffix to make *topped* or *topping*. When adding *-ly* or *-ness*, do not double the final consonant, as in *slowly* and *slowness*.

2. In words with two or more syllables that end in a c-v-c pattern and a stressed last syllable, double the final consonant when adding a suffix that begins with a vowel, but not when the suffix begins with a consonant. Do not double the final consonant if the last syllable is not stressed.

Example: The word *control* ends in a c-v-c pattern (*control*) and the last syllable is stressed. When adding *-ing*, double the final consonant, as in *controlling*.

3. In words that end with two or more consonants, do not double the final consonant when adding a suffix.

Example: The word *round* has two ending consonants. Adding *-ed* or *-ing* to *round* makes *rounded* and *rounding*.

4. Certain letters are never doubled before adding a suffix: *c, h, j, k, v, w, x,* and *y*.

Examples: *mower, fixed, swayed*

A. Add the suffixes to the words and write the new words. Write the number of the spelling rule that applies.

Word with Suffix	Spelling Rule	Word with Suffix	Spelling Rule
1. <i>relax</i> and <i>ed</i> _____	_____	11. <i>moral</i> and <i>ly</i> _____	_____
2. <i>grin</i> and <i>ing</i> _____	_____	12. <i>appoint</i> and <i>ment</i> _____	_____
3. <i>accidental</i> and <i>ly</i> _____	_____	13. <i>shy</i> and <i>ness</i> _____	_____
4. <i>commit</i> and <i>ment</i> _____	_____	14. <i>parallel</i> and <i>ing</i> _____	_____
5. <i>retract</i> and <i>able</i> _____	_____	15. <i>permit</i> and <i>ed</i> _____	_____
6. <i>candid</i> and <i>ness</i> _____	_____	16. <i>patrol</i> and <i>er</i> _____	_____
7. <i>expound</i> and <i>ed</i> _____	_____	17. <i>propel</i> and <i>ing</i> _____	_____
8. <i>plan</i> and <i>ed</i> _____	_____	18. <i>literal</i> and <i>ly</i> _____	_____
9. <i>import</i> and <i>er</i> _____	_____	19. <i>thick</i> and <i>ly</i> _____	_____
10. <i>submit</i> and <i>ed</i> _____	_____	20. <i>entrap</i> and <i>ment</i> _____	_____

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B. Determine whether or not each word is spelled correctly. If spelled correctly, put a check beside the word. Write the misspelled words correctly.

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| 1. disjointted _____ | 16. rationally _____ |
| 2. beginner _____ | 17. cancelled _____ |
| 3. discoverring _____ | 18. traveller _____ |
| 4. clotted _____ | 19. commenddable _____ |
| 5. benefitting _____ | 20. forgetfulness _____ |
| 6. overcommitted _____ | 21. objectted _____ |
| 7. enrichment _____ | 22. repelent _____ |
| 8. stackking _____ | 23. remarkable _____ |
| 9. contenttment _____ | 24. correcttness _____ |
| 10. confidently _____ | 25. taxing _____ |
| 11. loyaly _____ | 26. transferring _____ |
| 12. flowwing _____ | 27. amenddment _____ |
| 13. wraped _____ | 28. renewwed _____ |
| 14. extractt _____ | 29. squawkking _____ |
| 15. sounddness _____ | 30. regrettable _____ |

C. Organize the words for doubling the final consonant in Exercise B, using the spelling rules on page 36.

Spelling Rule 1

Spelling Rule 2

Spelling Rule 3

Spelling Rule 4

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

D. Add five more words to each spelling rule.

1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____