


Lesson 22 Adding Suffixes

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L.3.2e: Use conventional spelling for . . . adding suffixes to base words (e.g., *sitting*, *smiled*, *cries*, *happiness*).

 **Introduction** A **suffix** is a word part added to the end of a base word. Adding a suffix changes the meaning of a word.

base word **suffix**
walk + **ing** = walking

Follow these spelling rules when adding suffixes to base words.

When a Suffix Begins with a Vowel	
If the base word ends in a short vowel sound and one consonant, double the consonant.	bat + t + ing = batting jog + g + ed = jogged
If the base word ends in a silent -e, drop the e.	smile - e + ing = smiling safe - e + er = safer
When a Base Word Ends with a Consonant and y	
Change the y to i before adding most suffixes.	happy - y + i + ness = happiness silly - y + i + est = silliest

 **Guided Practice** Add the suffix shown to each word. Write the new word.

Hint

When you add *-ing* to a verb that ends in *y*, do not change the *y* to *i*.

Example:

try + **ing** = **trying**
fly + **ing** = **flying**

- 1 hike + ed hiked
- 2 skip + ing skipping
- 3 nice + er nicer
- 4 hurry + ing hurrying
- 5 silly + ness silliness
- 6 try + ed tried
- 7 dive + ing diving
- 8 funny + est funniest