

LESSON 56

Review the material from the previous lessons using the sound-letter deck, the high-frequency word deck, and the whiteboards.

New material: Spelling rules about when to double consonants before endings, such as **ing**, **en**, and **est**

The suffix **ing** ends many words, creating a present participle. To keep the vowel sound short, you must double the consonant between the vowel and the **ing** ending.

Examples:

swim/swimming	sip/sipping
flip/flipping	spit/spitting
bat/batting	grip/gripping
pit/pitting	plan/planning

In a word that has two consonants before the **ing** you do not need to double the consonant.

Examples:

sift/sifting	toss/tossing
sing/singing	craft/crafting
drink/drinking	text/texting

In a word that has a **silent e** and a long vowel sound, the **silent e** is dropped.

Examples:

bake/baking	tube/tubing
strike/striking	flake/flaking
hope/hoping	compete/competing

The suffix **en** is used to make a past participle for many irregular verbs (verbs that do not simply use the ending **ed** to make the past participle).

Examples:

bit/bitten	strike/stricken
hide/hidden	spoke/spoken
drive/driven	take/taken

The suffix **est** makes an adjective a “superlative” (meaning “the most”). To keep the vowel sound short, the last consonant is doubled if the word ends in a single consonant.

Examples:

fat/fattest	wet/wettest
big/biggest	sad/saddest

In words with two or more final consonants, no doubling is needed.

Examples:

dumb/dumbest	slick/slickest
soft/softest	fast/fastest

In words with long vowels, no doubling is needed.

Examples:

brave/bravest	fine/finest
rude/rudest	safe/safest
late/latest	

Introduce the new high-frequency words you have written onto flashcards. Have the student write the high-frequency words three times while pronouncing the words:

father, daughter¹

Have the student read:

The father and daughter went running and swimming. They wanted to be at their fittest.

That is the saddest looking dog. I think he wants his bone back.

The gang went tubing and had a full day of sun and fun.

Her daughter is competing in a diving contest.

JoJo's pal is moving to Cleveland in June.

Have the student write from your dictation:

I said to my father, "I am loving this sandwich."

Pam has the softest kitten!

That is the wettest dog! Do not let him in or we will be mopping up a big mess.

We are planning the most fun trip for spring—a trip to the Grand Canyon.

Choose any of the stories in [Group 2 \(Silent-E Stories\)](#) or [Group 1 \(Short-Syllable Stories\)](#) for a "triple read."

¹**father:** f is decodable; a making the "ah" sound is irregular; th is decodable; er will be decodable in Lesson 74
daughter: d is decodable; augh making the "ah" sound will be decodable in Lesson 117; t is decodable; er will be decodable in Lesson 73

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