

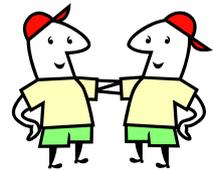
Final consonants 1



Say each word and look at the letters.
Spell the word to yourself.

wrap adjust slap benefit wed refer
prefer clap drag join skim stop whip slam
fish ship show trap permit

Each word ends with a consonant. When you add an ending to some of the words, the final consonant is doubled.
Example: wrap + ed = wrapped



Rules 1

Before adding a suffix, double the final consonant if:

1. the consonant is preceded by a single vowel (wrap)
2. the word has one syllable or an accent on the final syllable (wrap, per mit´)
3. the suffix (-ing, -er, -ent, etc.) begins with a vowel.

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Rules 2

There are exceptions to every rule! Try to figure out why the following consonants were doubled or left alone. Draw a line to the letter with the correct reason. If you are unsure, use your dictionary.

1. refer+ing= referring
2. prefer+ence= preference
3. prefer+ed=preferred
4. ship+ment = shipment
5. ship+ing=shipping
6. wish+ing = wishing
7. join+ed= joined

- A. accent on first syllable, so not doubled
- B. preceded by two vowels so not doubled
- C. accent on final syllable, so doubled
- D. one-syllable word preceded by single vowel, so doubled.
- E. accent on final syllable, so doubled
- F. suffix does not start with vowel, so not doubled
- G. not preceded by a vowel, so not doubled

Final consonants 3



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Add *-ing* or *-ed* to the words below. Think about the rules. Check your answers in your dictionary. If you make a mistake, try to figure out why.

weed	_____	show	_____
adjust	_____	shoot	_____
kidnap	_____	benefit	_____
fish	_____	permit	_____
clap	_____	stop	_____
wed	_____	trap	_____
slap	_____	drag	_____
skim	_____		

What word does not follow the basic rule?



Final consonants 3



Solution

Add *-ing* or *-ed* to the words below. Think about the rules. Check your answers in your dictionary. If you make a mistake, try to figure out why.

weeded, weeding

adjusting, adjusted

kidnapped, kidnapping

fishing

clapping, clapped

wedding, wedded

slapped, slapping

skimmed, skimming

showed, showing

shooting

benefited, benefiting

permitted, permitting

stopping, stopped

trapped, trapping

dragged, dragging

What word does not follow the basic rule?

benefit

