

Adding '-ing'



Consonants and Vowels

Vowels are the letters: **a, e, i, o, u**
and sometimes **y**.

a e i o u

Consonants are all the other letters,
such as: **b, d, t, s**, etc.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

What Do We Do?

Look at and read the word.
Listen to the vowel sound.
Ask: 'Is it long or short?'



Short Vowel Sounds

lap

lapp**ing**

lapping

beg

beg**ging**

begging

hit

hitt**ing**

hitting

nod

nodd**ing**

nodding

put

putt**ing**

putting

Rule

If the vowel is a short sound with only one consonant after it, then double the consonant in the spelling.



How Many Consonants Are after the Short Vowel?

back

back**ing**

backing

stick

stick**ing**

sticking

stand

stand**ing**

standing

hunt

hunt**ing**

hunting

bank

bank**ing**

banking

turn

turn**ing**

turning

jump

jump**ing**

jumping

lift

lift**ing**

lifting

Rule

If the vowel is a short sound
but has more than one
consonant after it,
then add **'-ing'**.

Can you think of any
more words like these?



Look at the Next List of Words

What do you notice?
There is something the
same about each one...



Look...

come

com~~e~~ing

hope

hop~~e~~ing

joke

jok~~e~~ing

fake

fak~~e~~ing

slide

slid~~e~~ing

hide

hid~~e~~ing

take

tak~~e~~ing

tune

tun~~e~~ing

Rule

If it ends in 'e', drop the 'e'
when adding '-**ing**'.

Use this song to help you
remember: 'Take off the
e, add i-n-g.'



What Do You Think the Next Rule Might Be ...?



Look at this new list
of words.

What Is the Same?

break

break**ing**

leap

leap**ing**

look

look**ing**

sleep

sleep**ing**

cheat

cheat**ing**

float

float**ing**

boil

boil**ing**

sail

sail**ing**

What Is the Rule?

Talk with your partner.



Rules for Adding '-ing'

Short vowel sound, with one consonant – double the consonant and add '-ing'

hitt**ing**

Short vowel sound, with two consonants – add '-ing'

jump**ing**

Ending in 'e' – drop the 'e' then add '-ing'

jok**ing**

Long vowel sound – just add '-ing'

sail**ing**



Sort these words into the grid below:

name

drink

snow

hit

fan

skip

paint

drive

melt

wash

dive

run

Click on a word
to check

| Add '-ing' | Double the consonant | Drop the 'e' and add '-ing' |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| drinking melting snowing painting washing | fanning skipping hitting running | naming driving diving |

Look for more examples in your reading books.

