WALT add ed, er, est, ing

What is a root word

A root word is a word which has no prefix or suffix added to it. By adding prefixes and suffixes to a word we change its meaning.

vowels: a, e, i, o, u consonants: all other letters!

When we add the suffixes -ed, -est, -er or -ing we might need to modify the root word first. If the root word has a consonant before the 'e', you drop the e and add the ending e.g. shine = shining

If the root word has one syllable and ends with a consonant letter after one vowel letter, you double the consonant and then add the ending. e.g. hum = humming.

There is an exception to this rule. Can you think of which letter we NEVER double?

Mixing Mixed Boxer Sixes

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Can you identify the root word?

mixing hiking dropping saddest	hike drop	shiny runny patting hummed	<u></u>	run pat
saddest		hummed	─	hum
nicer ——	nice	fattest		fat

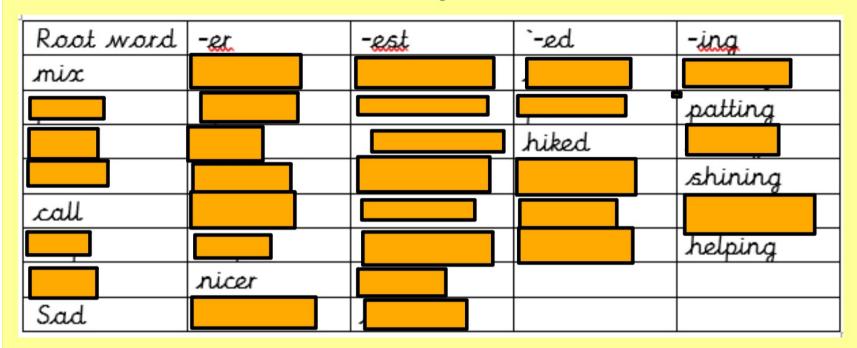
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Class Spellings	hiking	Tick	nicer	Tick	saddest	Tick	runny	Tick
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Task I - Write each of your spelling words at least three times. If you are unsure of what a word means, use the definitions sheet to help you.

mixing
hiking
dropping
hiked
nicer
runner
nicest
saddest
shiny
runny

Have a go at the word wall game when you have finished.

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Look at the table and fill in the blanks. Can you remember the spelling rule?

The answers are on the next page...

Root word	-ex	-est	`-ed	-ing
mix	mixer		mixed	mixing
pat	patter		patted	patting
hike	hiker		hiked	hiking
shine	shiner	shiniest	shined	shining
call	caller		called	calling
help	helper		helped	helping
nice	nicer	nicest		
Sad	sadder	saddest		

Notice that the root words do not always have the all the suffixes.

flies, tries, copies copying, replying, crying copied, replied, happiest happier

Remember to underline your spelling words they must be spelt correctly!



Write a single clause sentence with an expanded noun phrase and a prepositional phrase.



Write a single clause sentence with an expanded noun phrase.



TIC TAC TOE Activity

Write a list of your spellings in alphabetical order. For even greater challenge, can you write them in reverse alphabetical order first?

Pyramid Power
easiest
harder harder
hardest hardest