

WALT add ed, er, est, ing

Task 1
30 mins

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. humm = humming.

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

Mixing Mixed Boxxer Sixes

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Can you identify the root word?

mixing → mix
hiking → hike
dropping → drop
saddest → sad
nicer → nice

shiny → shine
runny → run
patting → pat
hummed → hum
fattest → fat

Class Spellings	mixing	Tick	hiked	Tick	nicest	Tick	shiny	Tick
	hiking	Tick	nicer	Tick	saddest	Tick	runny	Tick
	dropping	Tick	runner	Tick		Tick		Tick

Task 1 - 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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Task 2

Root word	-er	-est	-ed	-ing
mix				
				patting
			hiked	
				shining
call				
				helping
	nicer			
Sad				

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

The answers are on the next page...

Root word	-er er	-est est	-ed	-ing 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.

WALT: change y to i

Task 3

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.



Spelling
practise

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 hardest