

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

lap^ging

lapping

beg

beg^ging

begging

hit

hit^ting

hitting

nod

nod^ding

nodding

put

put^ting

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

backing

backing

stick

sticking

sticking

stand

standing

standing

hunt

hunting

hunting

bank

banking

banking

turn

turning

turning

jump

jumping

jumping

lift

lifting

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

come^{ing}

hope

hope^{ing}

joke

joke^{ing}

fake

fak^{ing}e

slide

slid^{ing}e

hide

hid^{ing}e

take

tak^{ing}e

tune

tun^{ing}e

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 '

hit **t**ing

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

jump**ing**

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

jok**e**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.

