

# 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

coming

hope

hoping

joke

joking

fake

faking

slide

sliding

hide

hiding

take

taking

tune

tuning

# 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

breaking

leap

leaping

look

looking

sleep

sleeping

cheat

cheating

float

floating

boil

boiling

sail

sailing

# 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.

