

English

Spelling

Suffixes -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y



A **root word** is the basic form of a word before any parts are changed or added on. Click on the root words below to see how they can be changed by adding different suffixes (endings)...

copy

copier

marry

marrying

baby

babies

happy

happiest

cry

cries

Click on each sentence to see a root word that ends in -e with a consonant before it.

Friends are **nice** to each other.

When my dad cleans his motorbike, he rubs it to get it to **shine**.

The ghost train makes my sister scream, but it doesn't **scare** me!

At the weekends, we put on our walking boots and go for a long **hike**.



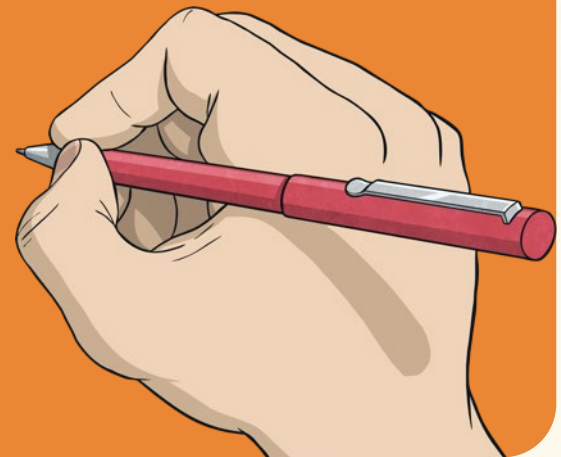
We can change words by removing the -e before adding the suffixes -ed, -ing, -er, -est, -y. Change the root word **hike**...

Click on the boxes to change the root word



Remove the -e before adding

ed



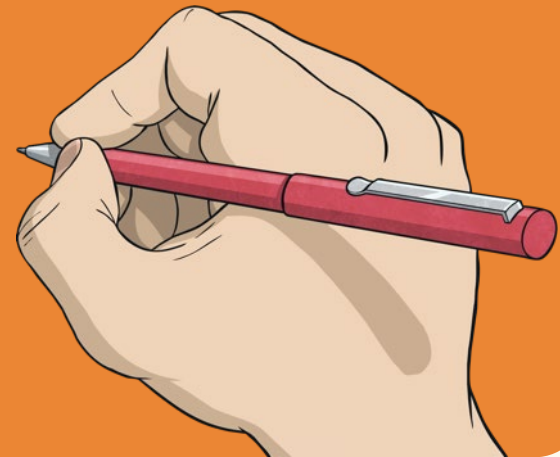
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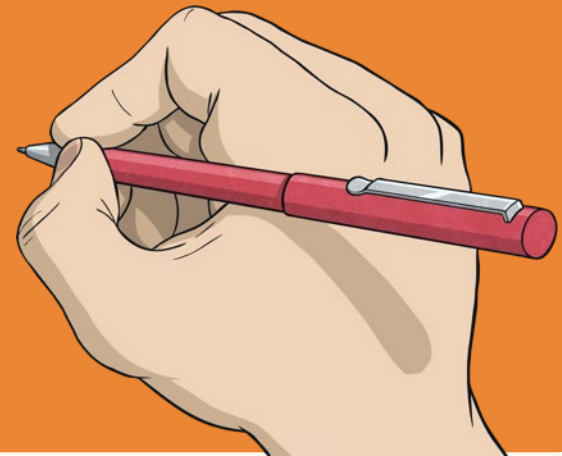
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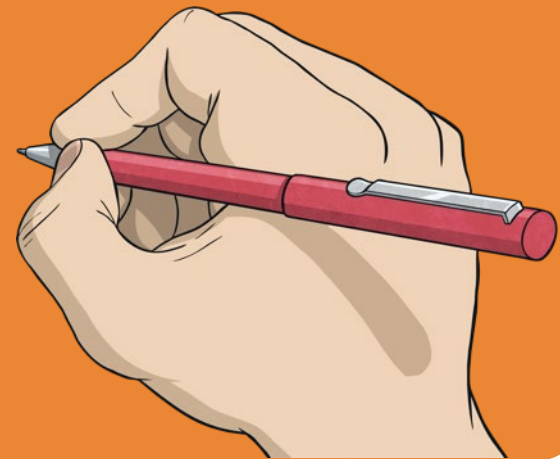
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What is the root word here?



Click on the box to find the root word

?

=

shining

or

shiny

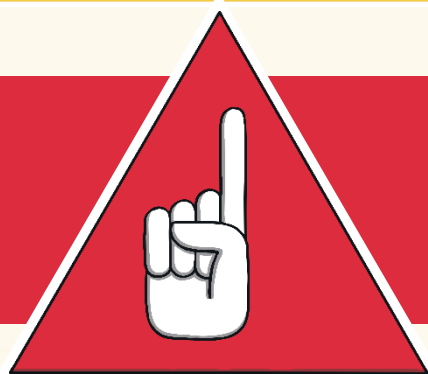
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WATCH OUT!

This rule does not work for every word ending with 'e'. There are a few exceptions.

For example

see

seeing

free

freeing

be

being



Split into two teams. Take it in turns to click on **three** cards. If you find a root word and its two matching words with the -ing, -ed, -er, -est or -y endings, score a point for your team. Whichever team has found the most tricky trios at the end of the game is the winner.



(Click the cards again to turn them back over if the words are not all found in that turn.)

Here are your new spelling words to practise.

hiking

shiny

hiked

being

hiker

shining

nicer

scary

nicest

scaring

Work hard to
learn them!



