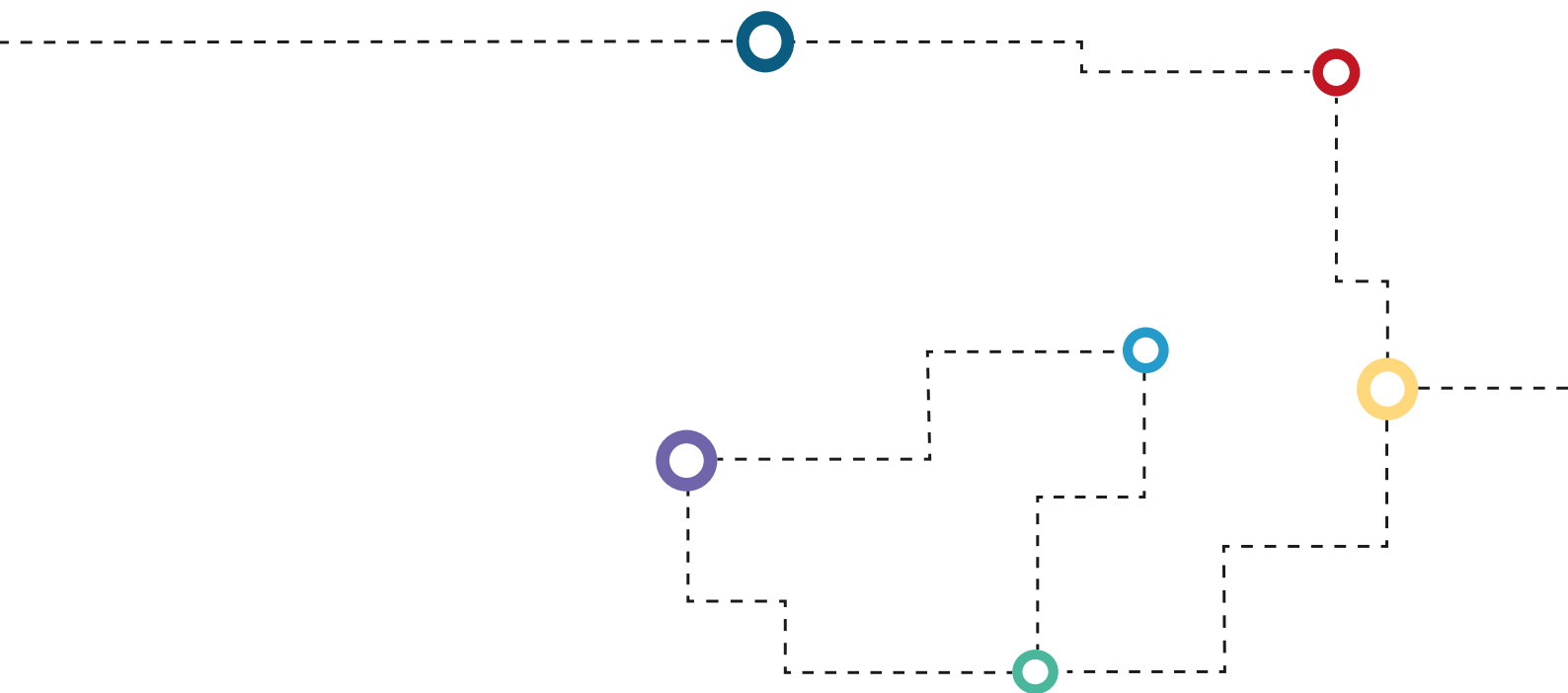


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In English, the Consonant Doubling Rule is a fascinating aspect that plays a crucial role in spelling and pronunciation. This rule states that when adding a suffix to a word that ends with a consonant, and the final syllable is stressed, we often double the last consonant. For example, in the word run, when we add '-ning' to make running, we double the 'n'.

Let's explore this concept further. Think of the word pat. If we want to add '-ed' to make it past tense, it becomes patted, with the 't' doubled. The same happens with hop becoming hopping when we add '-ing'.

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### Learning aid

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## Words in 'ff', 'll', 'ss', 'zz' and 'ck'

(two syllable words mainly and endings with double cons)

Today, I am going to explain to you a special rule in English called the "Consonant Doubling Rule". This rule is all about how we spell words when we add suffixes (small pieces of words) to them. When we add suffixes like -ing, -ed, -er, or -est to words, we sometimes need to double the last consonant (a letter that is not a vowel) before we add the suffix. This helps us keep the pronunciation of the word the same.

Let's take a look at some examples to help you understand better:

1. If the word ends in a single consonant after a short vowel sound, we double that consonant before adding the suffix. For example: hop + ing = hopping | run + ing = running | big + er = bigger
2. However, if the word ends in more than one consonant, or if the vowel sound is long (like in tree), we don't double the last consonant. For example: jump + ed = jumped | help + er = helper | hate + ful = hateful

So, the main rule is to double the last consonant if the word ends in a single consonant and has a short vowel sound before adding the suffix.

Now, I have a fun activity for you to help you remember this rule. Let's imagine that you have a magic wand, and you can use it to double the last consonant of words when you add suffixes.

You can write down some words on a piece of paper and then use your magic wand to double the last consonant before adding the suffix. For example, you can turn run into running or kit into kitted. This will help you practice the consonant doubling rule and remember it more easily.



Remember, this rule doesn't apply to all words, so it's important to read and listen to words carefully to know when to use it. **Keep practicing, and soon you'll be a pro at using the consonant doubling rule!**

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**Vocabulary:** better, kettle, kitten, letter, mitten, paddle, puzzle, runner,  
slipper, summer, swimmer, winner

① Unscramble the letters to form words from the word bank.

1) etntim: .....

2) pedald: .....

3) etlter: .....

4) mumres: .....

5) wennir: .....

6) zulepz: .....

7) rennur: .....

8) tetber: .....

9) ntietk: .....

10)kettel: .....

11)wimemsr: .....

12)lpepsir: .....

② **Bonus:** Create a funny sentence using as many of these words as possible. For example:  
"She wore a shell as a shirt while shopping for shoes, but a shark interrupted the show  
and she had to shave quickly!"

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- ③ Fill in the blanks with words from the same word family.

runner 1x

summer 2x

swimmer 1x

In \_\_\_\_\_ we like to go to the beach. Alexa is a great \_\_\_\_\_.

She's a great \_\_\_\_\_; she won the race.

We have a long \_\_\_\_\_ break from school.

**Vocabulary:** summer, better, runner, litter, sudden, bubble, rubber, puddle, bitten, butter, muddle

- ④ Find and circle following words: **summer, better, runner, litter, sudden, bubble, rubber, puddle, bitten, butter, muddle**  
They can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

G	L	E	Z	C	W	C	B	E	R	U	B	B	E	R	R	Q
N	S	U	L	L	N	Z	U	T	Y	O	I	U	V	W	I	B
P	U	D	D	L	E	B	T	U	T	Y	F	B	Q	T	I	E
O	D	D	P	E	L	L	T	V	C	E	S	B	G	Q	N	T
R	D	N	T	S	A	X	E	Z	J	V	P	L	F	G	L	T
P	E	G	H	F	O	B	R	F	Y	B	S	E	S	L	I	E
Z	N	K	D	V	H	R	X	M	O	M	I	V	O	I	Q	R
G	M	L	P	D	A	F	U	D	M	U	P	T	B	T	K	F
X	S	U	M	M	E	R	A	N	X	Z	Z	E	T	T	I	A
X	M	A	M	U	G	K	N	C	N	L	O	O	K	E	P	U
V	D	P	M	U	D	D	L	E	E	E	P	T	Q	R	N	V

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⑤ Match the words on the left with their correct definitions or related words on the right.

happening or done quickly and unexpectedly	1	muddle
a type of footwear often used for athletic activities	2	puddle
a substance made from the sap of certain trees, used for making tires, erasers	3	bitten
a period of warm weather between spring and autumn	4	bubble
a spherical thin film of liquid enclosing air or another gas	5	sudden
to have taken a small bite or nibble of something	6	runner
a mixture of flour and water used in cooking	7	batter
to make or become confused or disordered	8	litter
a small body of water, often formed after rain	9	rubber
to make or become smoother or more satisfactory in quality	10	better
to become covered in small pieces of waste or trash	11	summer

⑥ Fill in the blanks correctly:

She spread bu\_\_\_\_\_ on her toast.

The run\_\_\_\_\_ race is about to start.

After the rain, there was a big pud\_\_\_\_\_ in the yard.

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**Vocabulary:** shock, socks, flock, chicken, knock, flick, rock, lock, pluck

- ⑦ Find and circle following words:  
shock, socks, flock, chicken, knock, flick, rock, lock, pluck  
They can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

G	A	T	P	H	X	Z	V	A	H	W	F	L	I	C	K	T
G	S	S	X	V	B	I	Q	Y	U	X	H	S	S	S	M	I
B	Z	K	L	F	F	L	O	C	K	K	I	I	K	A	Z	D
A	X	A	X	P	R	I	D	C	Q	Y	O	P	L	U	C	K
X	S	K	Y	E	G	L	S	D	J	C	B	T	P	U	B	L
E	K	E	V	S	W	Y	X	K	X	Y	X	O	L	B	R	P
L	O	K	N	H	T	F	Y	I	R	S	N	M	E	H	O	D
Q	O	C	O	H	F	B	P	X	M	Q	H	J	T	T	C	T
M	Z	C	C	Z	H	M	K	A	B	E	I	O	Z	A	K	J
C	F	M	K	B	F	C	Y	Y	Z	X	M	L	C	E	Z	D
I	O	B	A	E	O	I	M	S	Q	Z	F	K	U	K	K	J
O	G	H	M	N	Q	B	C	H	I	C	K	E	N	V	E	Y
T	W	I	K	R	X	P	T	Y	X	B	T	I	L	V	V	N

- ⑧ Write down the words in alphabetical order:  
knock — shock — flock — lock — flick — rock — **chicken** — pluck — socks

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⑨ Fill in the blanks correctly:

The \_\_\_\_\_ken crowed loudly in the morning.

I heard a loud \_\_\_\_\_ck at the door.

She wore warm \_\_\_\_\_ks on a cold day.

⑩ Match the words on the left with their correct definitions or related words on the right.

- |         |   |                                                                                     |                                                            |
|---------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| flock   | 1 |    | a domesticated bird often raised for meat and eggs         |
| pluck   | 2 |    | a mechanism for keeping a door or lid fastened.            |
| socks   | 3 |  | to pull or remove feathers or hair from (a bird or animal) |
| Knock   | 4 |  | a swift, light blow or movement                            |
| flick   | 5 |  | a type of footwear worn on the feet                        |
| lock    | 6 |  | a hard, solid mineral material                             |
| shock   | 7 |  | a group of birds, especially domesticated ones             |
| rock    | 8 |  | a sudden, intense, or violent reaction                     |
| chicken | 9 |  | a sharp, repetitive sound made by hitting a surface        |



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**11) SPELLING QUIZ** – find the correct words for each description:

- 1) This noun is a fluffy creature with a powder puff tail:
- 2) This noun is another word for garbage:
- 3) This adjective means joyful:
- 4) This means moving quickly:
- 5) This means that you jumped up and down on one foot:
- 6) This noun is a colourful talking bird:
- 7) This noun is what you go to the supermarket for:
- 8) This noun is a leafy green vegetable:
- 9) This adjective means larger:
- 10) This verb means came to a halt:
- 11) This noun is an orange root vegetable:
- 12) This noun may apply to somebody trying to buy in an auction: