Spelling rule—Doubling the consonants

When a word ends in one consonant, right after one vowel, double the consonant before adding a suffix.

Ex:

hop-hopping map-mapping hit-hitting

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(double consonant) (double consonant) Chef <u>snipped</u> and then <u>chopped</u> (double consonant) while <u>sitting</u> down.

PRACTICE THE CONVERSATION:

- A: Read the sentence, please.
- **B:** Chef snipped and then chopped while sitting down.
- A: Great. What are the three underlined words?
- B: Snipped, chopped, sitting.
- **A:** Good. Now what's the spelling rule that applies to these words?
- **B:** The consonants get doubled when you add a suffix like –ed or –ies.
- A: Yes. So what were these words before? What are the root words?
- **B:** *Snip, chop, sit.* They each end in one consonant after one vowel, which means the rule applies.
- A: What would happen if you didn't double the consonant?
- **B:** Well, a snipper would be a sniper.
- A: Not good.
- B: Nope.
- A: Great work.



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