

Vowel Suffixes (-er,- ed or -ing) to Words with More Than One Syllable Where the Last Syllable Is Stressed.



This week, we are again going to be looking at adding suffixes to a number of different root words.

A suffix is a letter or group of letters added at the end of a root word that creates a new word.

Can you remember what a suffix is?

-ed

-er

-en

-ing



We are going to add the vowel suffixes to these root words:

forget

prefer

commit

begin

occur

forbid

They all have
two syllables.
Can you clap
them?

What do you
notice about
them? Do you
know what
they all mean?



Let's look again at the syllables in the root words. Say them aloud with me...

for/get

pre/fer

com/mit

be/gin

oc/cur

for/bid

All of these words have what is called a
'stressed' last syllable.

Stressed syllables are pronounced
slightly louder and at a slightly higher
pitch than unstressed syllables.



Look and say these again. The STRESSED syllables are now written in UPPERCASE letters.

for/**GET**

pre/**FER**

com/**MIT**

be/**GIN**

oc/**UR**

for/**BID**

Root words like this change when a vowel suffix is added – look at the next slide and see if you notice the rule?



How do the root words change when the vowel suffixes are added?

forget**tt**ing

prefer**rr**ed

com**itt**ed

forg**ott**en

prefer**rr**ing

begin**nn**ing

occ**urr**ed

for**bidd**en

begin**nn**er

occ**urr**ing

In root words like this, where the last syllable is stressed, you need to double the final consonant of the word before adding the suffix.



Mr Whoops has got in a terrible muddle with his sentences.
Can you help him put the correct spelling word into each one?

At the moment, I am not very good at speaking Spanish as I
am a complete beginner when it comes to
learning the language.



Answer

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The international art thief had committed a terrible crime and now faced the next decade in prison.



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As I was always a fussy eater, I preferred to take my own packed lunch to school rather than eat a school dinner.



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Because of the smashed greenhouse window, the twins were
now forbidden from playing football in the garden.



Answer

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After arriving at the leisure centre, I realised that I had
forgotten my swimming trunks and had to return
home for them.

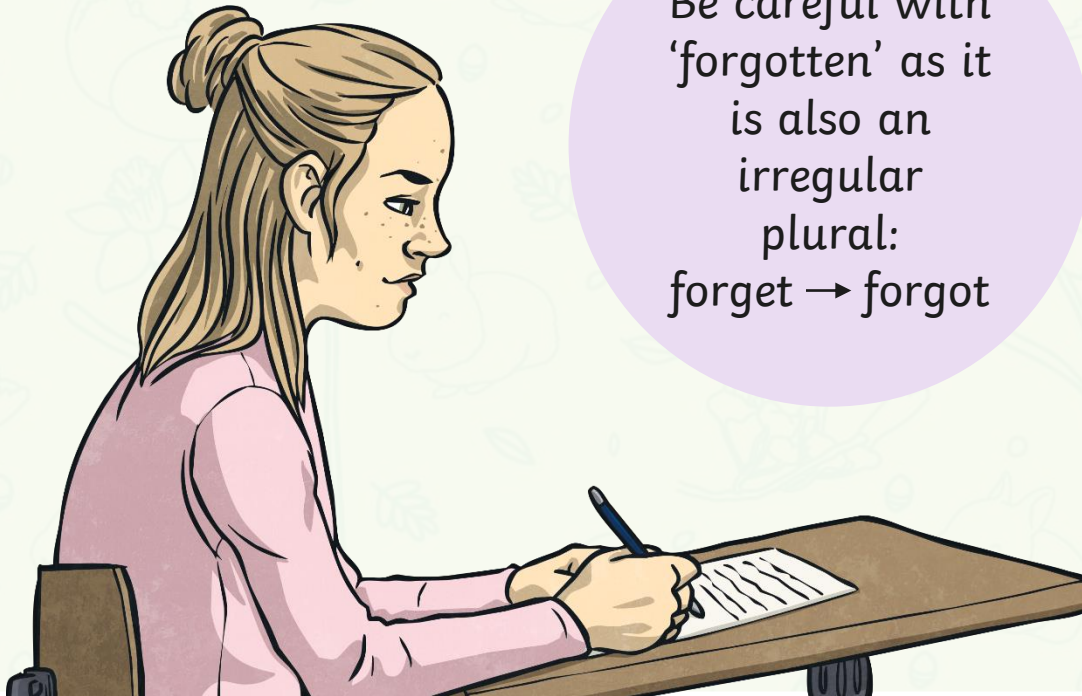


Answer

Here are your spelling words for this week.

Remember, to double the consonant when -ed, -en, -er or -ing vowel suffixes are added.

Be careful with
'forgotten' as it
is also an
irregular
plural:
forget → forgot



Week 3

Adding suffixes beginning with a vowel (er/ed/ing/en) to words with more than one syllable (stressed last syllable - double the final consonant)

forgetting

forgotten

beginning

beginner

preferred

preferring

occurred

occurring

forbidden

committed

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