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The Suffix *-ing*

The suffix *-ing* shows continuous action. Verbs end in *-ing* to show the action is continuing.
One-syllable verbs that end in *ie* change to *y* before adding *ing*.

Examples: *learning* means “continuing to learn”
tying means “continuing to tie”

Part I: Add the suffix *-ing* to these verbs to make the continuous action form of the verb.

Examples: buy buying
lie lying

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| 1. join _____ | 9. display _____ |
| 2. say _____ | 10. start _____ |
| 3. spill _____ | 11. tell _____ |
| 4. jump _____ | 12. walk _____ |
| 5. kick _____ | 13. cry _____ |
| 6. die _____ | 14. stay _____ |
| 7. sweep _____ | 15. tie _____ |
| 8. spy _____ | 16. keep _____ |

Part II: Read each sentence. Think about the action that's happening. Then darken the circle next to the correct answer.

- Tamara keeps _____ her bug bite.
 (a) reaching
 (b) scratching
 (c) looking
- Bill is _____ his dinner early today.
 (a) eating
 (b) being
 (c) keeping
- The child was _____ about her lost doll.
 (a) kicking
 (b) weeping
 (c) cleaning



More Rules for the Suffix -er

The suffix *-er* is added to an adjective in order to compare two things.

- When a word ends in a vowel + consonant, double the consonant and add *er*.
- When a word ends in a *y*, change the *y* to an *i* and then add *er*.

Examples: *wetter* means “more wet than the other”

uglier means “more ugly than the other”

Part I: Add *-er* to the adjectives to show that two things are being compared. Follow the rules for adding *-er*.

Examples: sad _____ sadder _____

pretty _____ prettier _____

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| 1. curly _____ | 7. hot _____ |
| 2. sad _____ | 8. early _____ |
| 3. dry _____ | 9. funny _____ |
| 4. red _____ | 10. flat _____ |
| 5. sunny _____ | 11. big _____ |
| 6. heavy _____ | 12. angry _____ |

Part II: Change the **boldface** word so that it shows a comparison between two things.

Example: This bush is pretty. This bush is **prettier** than the other one.

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| 1. I am hungry . | I am _____ today than I was yesterday. |
| 2. His feet are big . | His feet are _____ than mine. |
| 3. Her joke is funny . | Her joke is _____ than his. |
| 4. That dress is ugly . | That dress is _____ than the first one you wore. |
| 5. This pig is fat . | This pig is _____ than the one over there. |
| 6. That towel is wet . | That towel is _____ than this one. |
| 7. This box is heavy . | This box is _____ than the last one. |