

Year 5 Spelling

Week beginning 8th June

L.O.: I can add suffixes to
words ending in ‘-fer’

What is a **suffix**?

A suffix is something that we add to the end of a word that changes its meaning.

Here are some familiar suffixes:



Raced

Chopping

Payment

Shopper

Lots of words end with **-fer**.

differ



offer



When we add a vowel suffix to a word that ends in -fer, the spelling of the original (root) word sometimes changes.

Change in Spelling

Prefer + ed = Preferred

No Change

Differ + ing = Differing

There are spelling rules which help us to know when the spelling of the root word changes and when it stays the same.



These spelling rules involve looking at
word stress.

This is where we put more strength into saying some syllables
in a word than other syllables.

For example:

The stressed syllables are underlined:

Photo

Dessert

Above

Interesting



When we add a vowel suffix to a -fer word, the 'r' is **doubled** if -fer is still stressed when the suffix is added.

We do **not** double the 'r' if the -fer is no longer stressed.

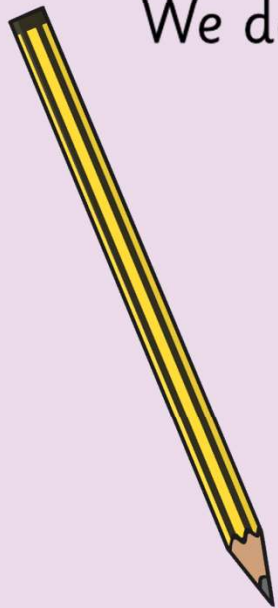
For example:

transfer (-fer is stressed)

Now let's add the **-ing** vowel suffix

Transferring

The -fer sound is still stressed so the 'r' is doubled.



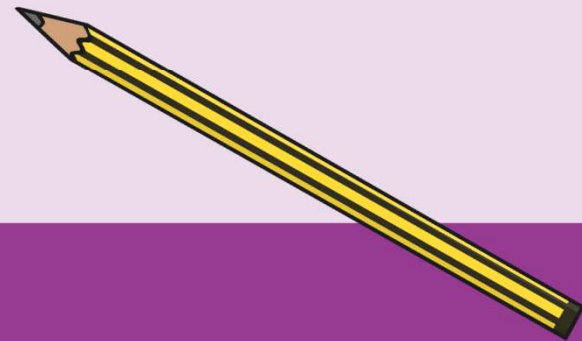
Here are some examples:

Refer + al

Is the -fer stressed when the suffix is added?

Yes

Referral



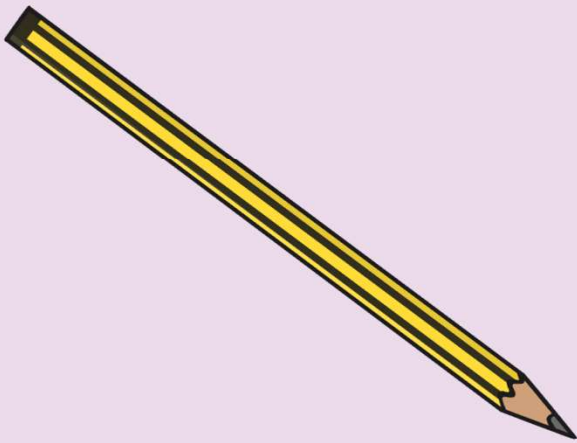
Here are some examples:

Offer + ing

Is the -fer stressed when the suffix is added?

No

Offering



It can be confusing at first. Watch this BBC video and have a go at the quiz.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqqsw6f/articles/zcsyjty>

Spelling list. Practice spelling all of these words. Ask someone at home to give you the root word and see if you can remember how to add the suffixes. If you're not sure what any of the words mean, ask an adult or an online dictionary.

Root word	Add -ed	Add -ing
refer	referred	referring
transfer	transferred	transferring
differ	differed	differing
prefer	preferred	preferring
offer	offered	offering