

Let's Make Word Sums!

Instructions

1. Choose 1 base. Most of the bases provided are real words, but there will always be 1 nonsense word provided (on the far right). The student can choose a real word or the nonsense word.

Closed Syllable = 1:1:1 rule

1 syllable word	1 short vowel before the last consonant? ✓ X	only 1 consonant at end? ✓ X	Suffix	Answer
jump, wet, small, big		tump		

2. Fill in the chart by writing in the base, applying the spelling rule, writing in a suffix of choice, and then writing in the word sum in the answer box.

Closed Syllable = 1:1:1 rule

1 syllable word	1 short vowel before the last consonant? ✓ X	only 1 consonant at end? ✓ X	Suffix	Answer
wet	✓	✓	er	wetter
jump, wet, small, big		tump		

3. Move onto the other charts, applying the correct big spelling rule for each syllable type.
4. Use a spell-checker or teacher to check your work.

Adding Suffixes (Endings)

Suffixes
ing, ed, ful, less, er,
est, ness, y, s

Closed Syllable = 1:1:1 rule

1 syllable word	1 short vowel before the last consonant? ✓ ✗	only 1 consonant at end? ✓ ✗	Suffix	Answer
jump, wet, small, big tump				

Closed Syllable = 2:1:1 rule

2 or more syllables in word	1 short vowel in last syllable?	Only one consonant at end?	Accent is on last syllable?	Suffix	Answer
pilot	✓	✓	✗	ing	piloting
propel, regret, admit ropel					

Open Syllables:

Change the y to an i and add the ending unless the ending is 'ing.' Use suffix 'es' instead of 's.'

Word	Suffix	Answer
fly, dry, do vo		

Vowel Consonant Silent e (VCE):

Drop the e on the base and add the suffix if the suffix starts with a vowel

When adding suffix y, you often drop the e, but not always – *dicey, hokey*)

Word	Suffix	Answer
game, sale, pale, smile make		

Suffixes
ing, ed, ful, less, er,
est, ness, y, s

Vowel Teams

1. Slam on the ending if the last letter in the base is any letter except 'e.'
2. If the last 'e' in the base is an 'e,' then drop the 'e' and add the vowel ending.
3. When adding 'ing' to a word that ends in 'ie,' you change the 'ie' to 'y' (to avoid having the letter 'i' occur twice in a row).

Word	Suffix	Answer
heat, jail, road, sleep		reep

Vowel Diphthongs

- Slam on the ending if the last letter in the base is any letter except 'e'
If the last 'e' in the base is an 'e,' drop the 'e' and add the vowel ending.

Word	Suffix	Answer
tooth, brown, crawl, toy		rawl

R-Controlled = 1:1:1 rule

1 syllable word	1 short vowel before the last consonant? ✓ ✗	only 1 consonant at end? ✓ ✗	Suffix	Answer

Consonant-le = drop the e on the base and add the suffix if the suffix starts with a vowel

1 syllable word	Suffix	Answer
lable, tumble, ramble		umble