



## **Read Write Inc. Spelling Video scripts**

### **Book 2A Unit 8: Adding the suffix -ing (1)**

**President Alpha**

Welcome, Earthlings! You are about to enter the Spelling Zone.  
Our star speller for today is...Gamma!

**Gamma**

Hello. It's Gamma here. Sorry if I sound out of breath – I've just been doing a lot of **running**! We were playing one of your Earth games called 'rounders'. Mu found out about it in the Earth museum. I was **batting** first and there was no **stopping** me – I scored five rounders in a row! While I was **jogging** around the bases, I was also thinking about our spelling focus for today.

First, I wonder if you can remember what a suffix is? Turn to your partner and then tell me.

**[Pause video]**

Your teacher will choose two children to tell me what a suffix is.

The answer is that it's a group of letters you can add to a root word.  
We can add the suffix **-ing** to lots of verbs without making any changes to the root word.

Let's look at some words where we don't need to make any changes before we add **-ing**.

playing   creeping  
sighing   glowing  
annoying

Let's say all these words ending in the suffix **-ing** together.

playing   creeping  
sighing   glowing  
annoying

There are other verbs that do need to be changed a little bit before we add **-ing**. Shall we find out about them?

OK, let's go. This is what I mean...



If a verb ends in a short vowel sound (**a, e, i, o** or **u**) + a consonant, we have to double the consonant before adding **-ing**.

Turn to your partner and say:

**Double** the **consonant** before adding **-ing**.

Go!

Let's watch what happens to our words when we follow the rule:

slip **sli**pp**ing**

get **get**tt**ing**

pop **pop**pp**ing**

chat **chat**tt**ing**

Here are some more verbs ending in a short vowel + a consonant.

Let's double the consonant before adding **-ing**.

root word	<b>double</b> the consonant before adding -ing
si <b>p</b>	si <b>pp</b> ing
pu <b>t</b>	pu <b>tt</b> ing
gra <b>b</b>	gra <b>bb</b> ing
ste <b>p</b>	ste <b>pp</b> ing
jo <b>g</b>	jo <b>gg</b> ing

That's all for today. Until next time – keep spelling!

**President Alpha**

You are about to leave the Spelling Zone. Take your new spelling knowledge with you. Goodbye, Earthlings...