

**Adding Suffixes Beginning with a Vowel (ed/er/ing)
to Words with More Than One Syllable
(Not Doubling the Final Consonant)**

What do you notice about these pairs of words?



gardening



focussed



offering

This week we are adding suffixes beginning with a vowel to words with more than one syllable...

gardener

limited

focussed

gardening

limiting

offered

benefitted

focussing

offering

benefitting

What do these words have in common?

How many syllables do the root words have?

What do the suffixes begin with?

Is there any change to the root word?

All of these words have what is called an 'unstressed' last syllable. Unstressed syllables are pronounced slightly quieter and at a slightly lower pitch than stressed syllables.

GAR/den

BEN/e/fit

OFF/er

FO/cus

LIM/it

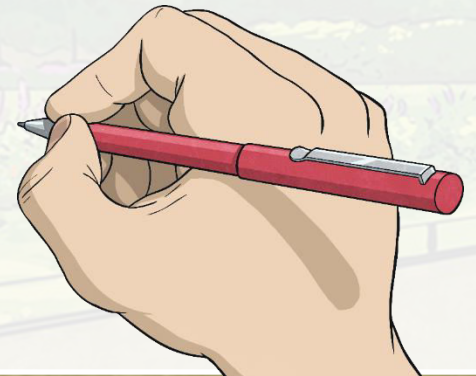
Root words like this do not change when a vowel suffix is added (this rule changes when the last syllable is stressed).



Here are this week's spellings to practise.

gardener
gardening
limited
limiting
offered
offering

benefitted
benefitting
focussed
focussing





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