Spelling

Spell Base Words with Endings

The most basic form of a word is called the **base word.** Adding an **ending** to a base word changes the base word's meaning or part of speech.

When you add an ending to a base word, you may have to change how the base word is spelled. For example, you may have to double the final consonant:

Base word: admit   **+**   **Ending:** *-ing*   **=**   admit**t**ing

Or, you may have to change the consonant *y* to *i*, as in this example:

Base word: defy   **+**   **Ending:** *-es*   **=**   defies

SPELLING WORDS

equipped	conveying	revise	revising
program	theories	rely	industry
relies	permit	involvement	conveys
permitting	involve	equip	programming
benefit	benefited	theory	industries

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1. The fundraiser **(benefit / -ed)** _____ the scholarship program.

2. Juan **(rely / -ies)** _____ on his mom to drive him to baseball practice.

3. Computer **(program / -ing)** _____ is a valuable skill.

4. The lab is **(equip / -ed)** _____ with state-of-the-art microscopes.