

When adding a vowel suffix to a word such as *sit*, your child has learned that the final consonant must be doubled to keep the vowel short by creating a VC/CV pattern.

sit + ing = sitting

The general rule is that when adding a vowel suffix to a word with a VC ending, you double the consonant to keep the vowel short. This rule, however, does not apply to words ending with 'ay'. Although words such as *play*, *pay* and *say* have a VC ending, we do not double the consonant when adding a vowel suffix because the vowel sound is not short, so we do not need a VC/CV pattern to keep it short.

play + ing = playing

The first vowel is long and remains long.



- 1 Teach your child that when he adds suffixes to words ending with 'ay' he just adds them.
- 2 Look at the worksheet. Tell your child to add the suffixes and write the new words.
- 3 At the bottom of the worksheet are some lines for your child to write on. Tell your child to choose one of his new words and write a sentence containing the word. There are four sentences to write.

Add suffixes to 'ay' words.

Add suffix-ed

Add suffix-ing

pay _____

spray _____

stay _____

decay _____

pray _____

lay _____

dismay _____

play _____



Write 4 sentences. Put one of your new words into each sentence.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____