Common Endings

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: When you add an ending: **double** the last consonant after a short vowel (hop → ho**pp**ed), **drop** the silent e (smile → smiled), and change **y to i** (happy → happ**i**ly).

Check the base word: short vowel + one consonant? Double it. Ends in e? Drop it.



1. This week's words

Read each word aloud. Then cover it, write it on scrap paper and check.

jumping **hopped** **smiled** **bigger** **fastest** **quickly**
running **baked** **slower** **happily** **loudly** **swimming**

2. Circle the correct spelling

One word in each row is spelled correctly. Circle it.

1. (a) hopped (b) hoped (c) hopt
2. (a) runing (b) running (c) runnig
3. (a) biger (b) biggar (c) bigger
4. (a) smiled (b) smilled (c) smild
5. (a) swiming (b) swimming (c) swimmng
6. (a) happyly (b) hapily (c) happily
7. (a) baked (b) bakeed (c) bakd
8. (a) fasttest (b) fastest (c) fastist

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3. Use the words

Circle the spelling word that completes each sentence.

1. The frog was _____ from leaf to leaf. — slower / jumping / baked
2. A turtle is _____ than a rabbit. — slower / quickly / smiled
3. The crowd cheered _____ when we scored. — fastest / loudly / hopped
4. She _____ when she saw her birthday cake. — smiled / bigger / running

4. Write it right

Write a sentence using each word.

1. quickly

2. jumping

3. bigger

Answer Key

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2. Circle the correct spelling

1. (a) **hopped** (b) hoped (c) hopt
2. (a) runing (b) **running** (c) runnig
3. (a) biger (b) biggar (c) **bigger**
4. (a) **smiled** (b) smilled (c) smild
5. (a) swiming (b) **swimming** (c) swimmng
6. (a) happyly (b) hapily (c) **happily**
7. (a) **baked** (b) bakeed (c) bakd
8. (a) fasttest (b) **fastest** (c) fastist

3. Use the words

1. The frog was **jumping** from leaf to leaf. — slower | **jumping** | baked
2. A turtle is **slower** than a rabbit. — **slower** | quickly | smiled
3. The crowd cheered **loudly** when we scored. — fastest | **loudly** | hopped
4. She **smiled** when she saw her birthday cake. — **smiled** | bigger | running

4. Write it right

Sentences will vary. These are examples.

1. quickly
   We quickly cleaned up our toys.
2. jumping
   The kids are jumping on the trampoline.
3. bigger
   My brother is bigger than me.