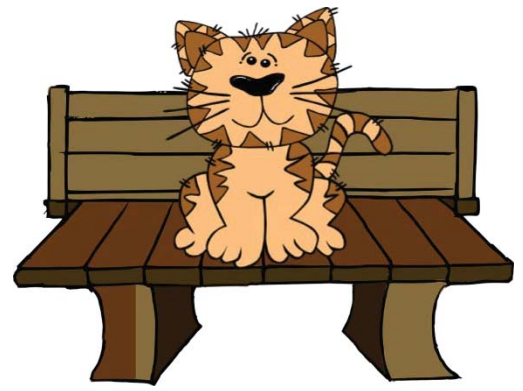


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<i>dance</i>	<i>dancing</i>
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<i>sit</i>	<i>sitting</i>
<i>begin</i>	<i>beginning</i>
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Note 1: We only double the last letter if the last syllable is stressed. For example, forget > forgetting but open > opening

Note 2: One syllable verbs' last letters are usually doubled. However, with verbs ending -w, -x, -y do not double the last letter. For example, show > showing, mix > mixing, say > saying.

Note 3: In US English 'travel' is 'traveling'. We do not double the last letter as in UK English.