

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ACTIVITY SHEET
STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS- INFLECTIONAL ENDINGS –‘ed’ AND ‘ing’
STANDARD FOUR

Curriculum Topic: Inflectional Endings

Teaching Point: The Inflectional Endings ‘ed’ and ‘ing’ are added to root words to change the verb tense. There are three rules to follow when adding them.



1. When a word ends with one vowel followed by a consonant, double the consonant before adding **–ed** or **–ing**.
Example: **plan** → **planned** OR **planning**
Exception: When a word ends in ‘x’ Just add **–ed** or **–ing**
Example: **mix** → **mixed** OR **mixing**
2. When a word ends in ‘e’ drop the ‘e’ before adding **–ed** or **–ing**
Example: **taste** → **tasted** OR **tasting**
3. When a word ends in a consonant followed by a ‘y’, change the y to i before adding **–ed**.
Do not change the y when adding **–ing**.
Example: **study** → **studied** OR **studying**

Activity 1

Use the rules to complete the table below.

Root words	Past Tense	Past Continuous
1. stare	stared	was staring
2. fit		
3. copy		
4. fix		
5. please		
6. prepare		
7. hurry		
8. shop		
9. pat		
10. marry		

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Activity 2

Read the passage. Change the highlighted words to the past tense or past continuous verb form by adding **-ed** or **-ing**

Mom and I **want** to spend a day at the park. Before we left the house, we **decide** to organise the food we **plan** to eat. I **ask** for hot dogs but Mom **prefer** chicken and chips. So we **agree**, we would carry both. We were both **excite** to go outdoors after being stuck at home for two weeks.

The sun was **shine** brilliantly in the clear blue sky. While we were **drive** to the park we **notice** other families also **get** ready for a day of fun. We finally **reach** our destination. Mom **hurry** to get a nearby parking spot. I **pick** up our picnic basket and lounge chairs and **head** to a cool spot.

The tree branches were **sway** to the rhythm of the breeze and I was **enjoy** the cool air. Mom was **admire** the beautiful scenery the flowers **create**. Everyone at the park was **participate** in an activity. Some were **fly** their kites; others **throw** Frisbees while others were just **relax**. Mom and I were in the just **relax** category. Why move a muscle when you could bask in the sun and cool breeze?
Eventually, it was time to go. Mom **need** to get back home before dark. We **gather** our belongings, **stroll** to the car and **start** the journey home. We both decided that we would be at the park again soon. It was truly an enjoyable experience.

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Answer Key

Activity 1

Root words	Insert Past Tense	Insert Past Continuous
1. stare	stared	was/were staring
2. fit	fitted	was/were fitting
3. copy	copied	was/were copying
4. fix	fixed	was/were fixing
5. please	please	was/were pleasing
6. prepare	prepared	was/were preparing
7. hurry	hurried	was/were hurrying
8. shop	shopped	was/were shopping
9. pat	pat	was/were patting
10. marry	married	was/were marrying



Answer Key

Activity 2

Mom and I **wanted** to spend a day at the park. Before we left the house, we **decided** to organise the food we **planned** to eat. I **asked** for hot dogs but Mom **preferred** chicken and chips. So we **agreed**, we would carry both. We were both **excited** to go outdoors after being stuck at home for two weeks.

The sun was **shining** brilliantly in the clear blue sky. While we were **driving** to the park we **noticed** other families were also **getting** ready for a day of fun. We finally **reached** our destination. Mom **hurried** to get a nearby parking spot. I **picked** up our picnic basket and lounge chairs and **headed** to a cool spot.

The tree branches were **swaying** to the rhythm of the breeze, and I was **enjoying** the cool air. Mom was **admiring** the beautiful scenery the flowers **created**. Everyone at the park was **participating** in an activity. Some were **flying** their kites; others were **throwing** Frisbees while others were just **relaxing**. Mom and I

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