



Adding ed, er and ing to Words

Spelling Words in Action



What happened on the Apollo 13 mission?

Mission CUT SHORT

Fra Mauro Hill seemed the next ideal place for the next lunar **landing**. The crew of the Apollo 13 Mission were ready and well trained, but something would go terribly wrong before they ever got on the moon. They would be lucky to get back to Earth at all.

Apollo 13 was launched on April 11th, 1970. For the first two and a half days, the mission went smoothly. Then, on the 13th the astronauts **remembered** hearing a big bang. They quickly set about checking what had happened. **Following** the bang, they discovered that a faulty switch had caught fire, **leading** to the explosion of two oxygen tanks. Without oxygen, there would be no power, water, or air to breathe. The astronauts **guessed** they would never make it back to Earth. The mission was **turning** into a nightmare.

Back on Earth, the mission control people were watching the drama unfold. They anxiously tries to figure out what to do. They knew the Lunar Module aboard the spacecraft had extra power supplies. It also had stores of water and oxygen. **Bending** all the rules, scientists worked hastily to design a way of connecting the two systems. Finally, they had a solution, **finishing** just in time.

The astronauts returned to Earth, tired hungry, cold, and thirsty. In one way though they were fortunate. If the accident had happened after landing on the moon, supplies in the Lunar Module would have been used up. The ending would have been different.

Look back at the boldfaced words.

Did the base words change when ing or ed was added?

Spelling Practice

Using the spelling list words in the box below, write each word under the correct heading.

watching	checking	finishing	learner	bending
cleaned	sorted	missed	singer	guessed
teacher	walker	remembered	following	tossed
turning	wishing	landing	leading	catcher

Base Word + er

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Base Word + ed

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Base Word + ing

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