

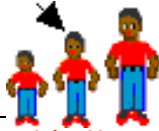


Language Arts Lesson 3
Decoding and Word Recognition
(K-3)

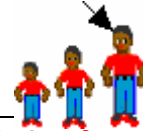
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Instruction 3-4
Root/Base Words
Worksheet 1



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Rule. When a root word (with a short vowel) ends with one consonant, double the consonant before adding the suffix.

	<u>er</u> hotter	<u>est</u> hottest
1. hot		
2. fast	_____	_____
3. hip	_____	_____
4. big	_____	_____
5. tall	_____	_____
6. flat	_____	_____
7. fat	_____	_____

1. hot, hottest 2. faster, fastest 3. hipper, hippest 4. bigger, biggest 5. taller, tallest 6. flatter, flattest 7. fatter, fattest

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