Lesson Twenty
A Second Kind of Change: Deleting Letters

1   The following rule is called the Rule of _____

> Unless you know some reason to make a change, when you add elements together to spell a word, do not make any changes at all. Simply add the elements together.

2   **Twinning Rule.** Except for the letter _____, you twin the final

_____ of a free base that ends in the pattern _____ when

you add a suffix that starts with a _____.

3   The Twinning Rule gives us one good reason for making a change when we add elements together to spell a word. Another good reason has to do with silent final <e>.

Sometimes when you add a suffix to a word that ends with a silent final <e> that shows that the vowel in front of it is long, you take away the final <e>: *hope + ing = hopé + ing = hoping*

This change is called **deleting the final <e>**.

4   Analyze each of these words into a free base and a suffix. Each free base ends with a final <e> that that shows that the vowel in front of it is long. Sometimes the final <e> was deleted when the suffix was added. Show any final <e>'s that have been deleted. Some of the suffixes may be new to you, but don't worry about that. Just remember that each word starts with a free base that ends with a silent final <e>:

Word	=	Free Base	+	Suffix
ripeness	=	*ripe*	+	*ness*
ripest	=	*ripé*	+	*est*
hopes	=		+	
hoping	=		+	
likely	=		+	
liked	=		+	
whiteness	=		+	
whitest	=		+	

Word	=	Free Base	+	Suffix
closes	=		+	
closed	=		+	
timer	=		+	
timely	=		+	
naming	=		+	
names	=		+	
cutely	=		+	
cutest	=		+	
places	=		+	
placed	=		+	
user	=		+	
useless	=		+	
writer	=		+	
writes	=		+	

5   In words where the final <e> was **not** deleted when the suffix was added, did the suffix start with a vowel or with a consonant? _____

6   In words where the final <e> **was** deleted, did the suffix start with a vowel or with a consonant? _____

7   **First Rule for Deleting Silent Final <e>.** If a word ends with a silent final <e> that shows that a vowel sound is long, you delete the silent final <e> when you add a suffix that starts with a _____

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Word Venn. Inside the circle put only words in which a silent final <e> has been deleted. Outside the circle put words in which no silent final <e> has been deleted.

prized✓	hiding	gentlewomen	placing
wastepaper✓	bluebird	striped	shoestring
icing	cubed	fireball	being

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prized   *wastepaper*

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