

## PET COMMON WRITING MISTAKES 10

### When does a single letter change to a double letter?

1. Eight of the words below contain spelling mistakes. Four of the words are correct (✓). Find and correct the mistakes.

~~Biger~~ Bigger canceled decided hoter nicest occurred  
opened planing preferred travelled unforgettable writing

2. Complete the spelling rules by writing one of the words from the box below in each gap.

*admit – admitted cancel – canceling cancel – cancelling develop – developing fax – faxed forget – forgetting  
happen – happened play – playing run – runner shop – shopping show – showing travel – traveler travel – traveller*

Double the final consonant

- when you add *-ed*, *-ing*, *-er*, and *-est* to one-syllable words which end in consonant-vowel-consonant:

(1).....*run – runner, shop – shopping*..... (but final *w*, *x* and *y* are never doubled: (2) .....

- for verbs of two or more syllables which end in consonant-vowel-consonant and the final syllable is stressed:

(3)..... (but when the stress is not on the final syllable, do not double the final consonant:

(4).....)

- In British English, for words which end in *l* after one vowel: (5)..... In American English, the final *l* does not double: (6).....

3. Read the email from Anna to Olga below. Then find and correct the eight spelling mistakes. The first mistake has been corrected for you.

Hi Olga

*writing*

I'm ~~writing~~ to thank you for meeting me and looking after me in Bratislava. I had a really great time and after travelling all

the way from Warsaw it was wonderful to see you waiting for me when I arrived. I thought Bratislava was beautiful and now I'm hopping that you will visit me in Warsaw soon.

I'm glad I remembered to bring my camera (I'm always forgetting it) because I've got some really great photos, which I'm

attaching. I think the one of us standing in front of the castle just before it opened is the best. I also really enjoyed the

shoping and the restaurants and I'm sure I've got fater as a result of all that wonderful food!

Please start planing your visit to Warsaw soon – I'm really looking forward to seeing you!

## ANSWERS

1. ~~canceled~~-cancelled\* decided ✓ ~~hoter~~-hotter nicest ✓ ~~oecured~~-occurred ~~opened~~-opened ~~planing~~-planning  
~~prefered~~-preferred travelled ✓ ~~unforgetable~~-unforgettable ~~writing~~-writing

2.

- (2) *faxed, playing, showing*
- (3) *admit – admitted, forget – forgetting*
- (4) *develop – developing, happen – happened*
- (5) *cancel – cancelling, travel – traveller*
- (6) *cancel – canceling, travel – traveler*

3. ~~meeting~~-meeting, ~~hopping~~-hoping, ~~forgeting~~-forgetting, ~~opened~~-opened, ~~shoping~~-shopping, ~~fater~~, fatter,  
~~planing~~-planning