

36 Consonant-doubling verbs

Activity A

Some verbs double their final consonant in their *-ed* and *-ing* forms.

Complete each sentence with an appropriate form of one of the verbs below.

acquit admit bar beg commit flag
occur prefer regret skid submit transfer

- I've always _____ tea to coffee.
- I _____ up the errors I found in his translation and sent it back to him.
- I _____ my assignment a day late, but my tutor accepted it.
- The bus _____ on the ice and crashed into a tree.
- The accident _____ when a driver entered the motorway in the wrong direction.
- The bank charges a lot of money for _____ money between accounts.
- I've _____ myself to working every weekend, so I won't be able to play for the football team.
- My brother _____ me to lend him some money for the weekend.
- My friend overstayed his work permit, so now he's _____ from entering the country for five years.
- A friend of mine was charged with assault, but he was _____ when they saw the CCTV evidence.
- My dad said he _____ not going to university.
- I don't mind _____ that I'm lazy – you'll never see me running or at the gym!

Activity B

Work with a partner. Write down six of the verbs for another pair to use in a story. Then work with your partner to make up a story using the six verbs you are given. Use the past tense.

Activity C

Here are some more consonant-doubling verbs.

bob / sob / throb	club / dub / rub	plod / prod
hug / mug / plug	drag / nag / chat / pat	clot / rot / spot

Choose a pair that rhymes and make a mini-poem, using a verb form where the consonant doubles. It doesn't need to make complete sense or rhyme perfectly! Here are a couple of examples.

I can't believe he's been acquitted

He plodded to the gym

Of the offence ~~which~~ he committed

When I prodded him