

## 35 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

- 1 I've always \_\_\_\_\_ tea to coffee.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ up the errors I found in his translation and sent it back to him.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ my assignment a day late, but my tutor accepted it.
- 4 The bus \_\_\_\_\_ on the ice and crashed into a tree.
- 5 The accident \_\_\_\_\_ when a driver entered the motorway in the wrong direction.
- 6 The bank charges a lot of money for \_\_\_\_\_ money between accounts.
- 7 I've \_\_\_\_\_ myself to working every weekend, so I won't be able to play for the football team.
- 8 My brother \_\_\_\_\_ me to lend him some money for the weekend.
- 9 My friend overstayed his work permit, so now he's \_\_\_\_\_ from entering the country for five years.
- 10 A friend of mine was charged with assault, but he was \_\_\_\_\_ when they saw the CCTV evidence.
- 11 My dad said he \_\_\_\_\_ not going to university.
- 12 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>I can't believe he's been acquitted</i>	<i>He plodded to the gym</i>
<i>Of the offence that he committed</i>	<i>When I prodded him</i>