

1 Explain what a suffix is.

1 mark

A suffix is a group of letters used at the end of one word to turn it into another word.

2 Write down three spelling rules for adding vowel suffixes to words of more than one syllable.

3 marks

Give one mark each for any of the rules shown below.

Spelling Rule	Example Words
1) The silent –e at the end of the root word is dropped when adding a suffix beginning with a vowel letter, except being.	nicest
2) When a word ends in a y, change the y to i before the suffix is added but not before -ing.	happiest
3) If you add a suffix that begins with a vowel letter to a word: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ that ends with one vowel and a consonant (e.g. –at, -en) ✓ that has more than one syllable (e.g. hello) ✓ where the last syllable of the word is stressed (e.g. forgot or channel) The final consonant is doubled before the vowel suffix is added. Remember that the consonant is not doubled if the second syllable is not stressed.	beginning gardener

3 The root words in Column A need the suffix –ing adding to them. Fill in Column B with the correct words.

5 marks

Column A	Column B
circle	<i>circling</i>
value	<i>valuing</i>
multiply	<i>multiplying</i>
medicate	<i>medicating</i>
forget	<i>forgetting</i>