

Spelling Shed

Stage: 5

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referring		
preferred		
transferring	Main Teaching Activity	The spelling list contains a mix of words based on how they are pronounced. Show children the power point slide and ask them to create the new word by adding 'ing' and 'ence' to each root word and following the rule about whether or not the sound 'fer' is stressed or not.
reference		
referee		
preference		
transference	Independent Activity	In small groups, draw two stick figures on two white boards. Each figure should have the same number of parts. The goal is to make the other group's stick man invisible before the other group does it to you. Give each group a word to spell. If they spell it correctly, erase one piece of the other group's stick figure. If they do not spell the word correctly, leave their stick figure unchanged. Then repeat. The first team with an invisible man loses!
inference		
confering		

Add the suffixes 'ing' and 'ence' to each of the words in the list and decide if they need a double 'r' or not.

refer
prefer
transfer
refer
differ
infer
confer

+ ing

+ ence

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preference			
transference			
difference			
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Draw a line to match each spelling to its definition.

A way in which things are dissimilar.

A source of information.

The act of granting something.

A greater liking for one thing over another.

The action of transferring something.

When one thing is liked more than another.

a conclusion based on evidence

Directing to someone else for help.

The official in charge of the match.

Moving from one place to another.