

**Adding Suffixes
Beginning with
Vowel Letters
to Words
Ending in -fer**



This week, we are going to be looking at three different root words:

refer

prefer

transfer

What do you notice about them?

They all end in -fer.

They are all verbs.



Look at what happens when we add different vowel suffixes to the root word 'refer'.

refer + ence = reference

refer + ee = referee

refer + ing = referring

refer + ed = referred

refer + al = referral

What has happened to some of the words?

In some of the words, the 'r' is doubled when the vowel suffix is added. But why?



Say each word aloud.

In the light green words, the 'fer' syllable is **stressed**, so the 'r' is doubled.

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referring referred referral
reference referee

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transferring

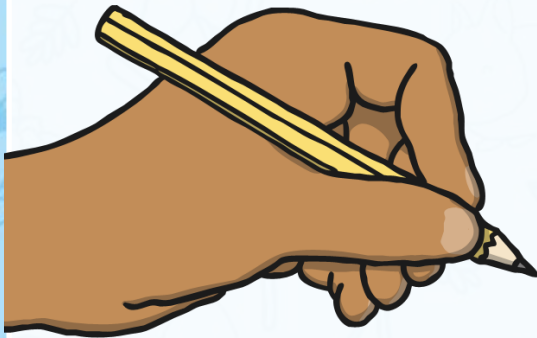
transference

Let's speed write!

How many times in the next minute
can you write...

referee

accurately?



Try to write in a cursive
style to help you write
at a faster pace!

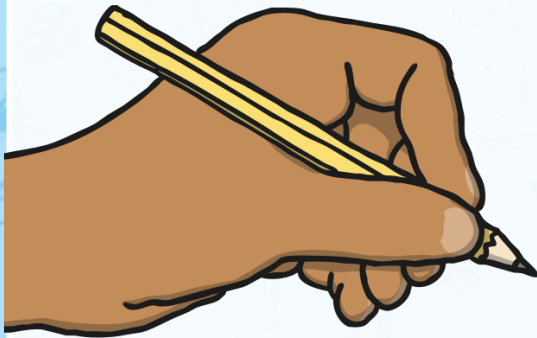


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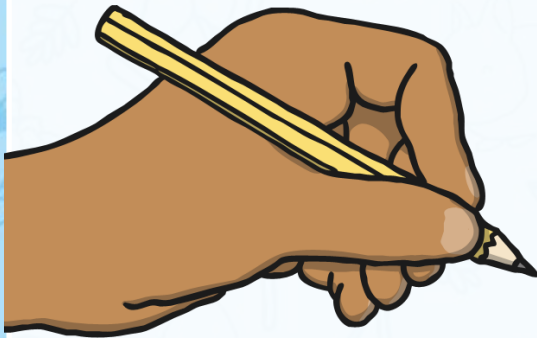


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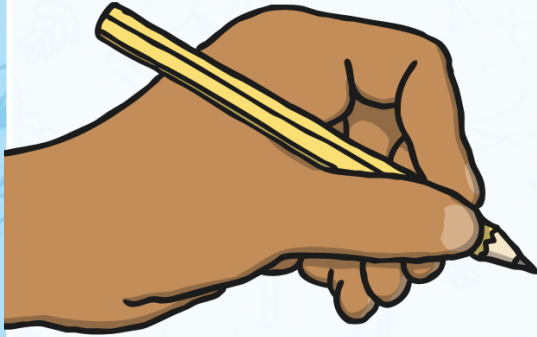


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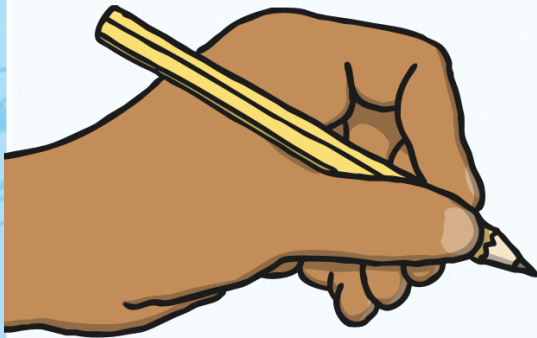


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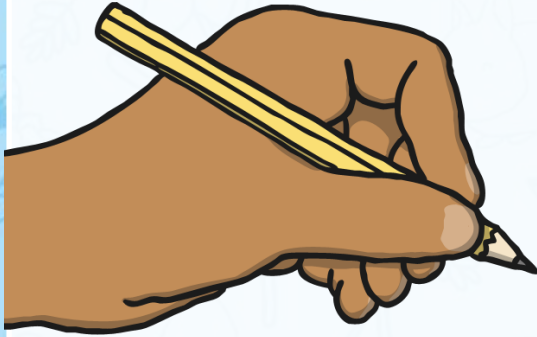


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Here are your spelling words for this week.

Work hard to practise these words that end in -fer and what happens when different vowel suffixes are added.



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