

**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 they all have in common?

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.

In the dark green words, the 'fer' syllable is **unstressed**, so the 'r' is not doubled.



referring    referred    referral  
reference    referee

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transferring

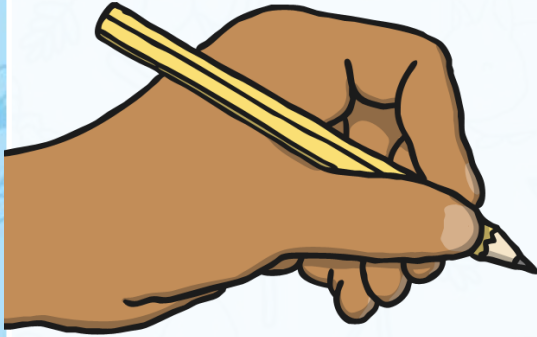
transference

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!

**Time's up!**

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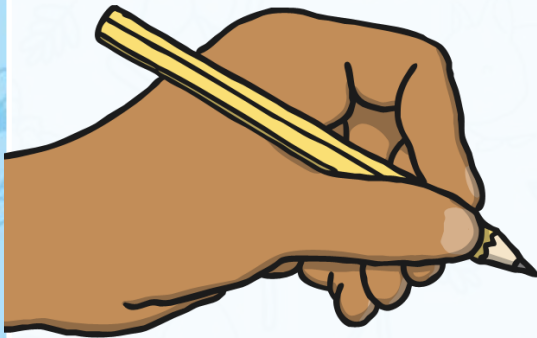


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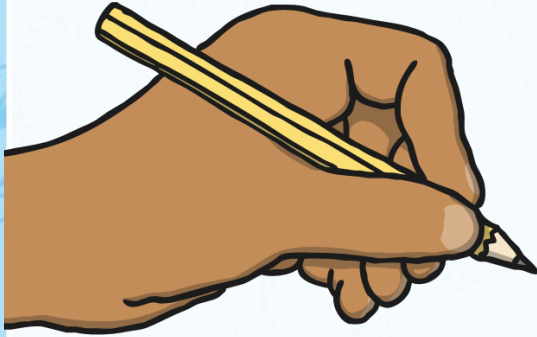
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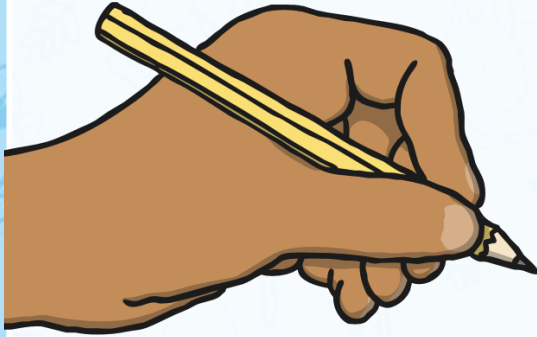
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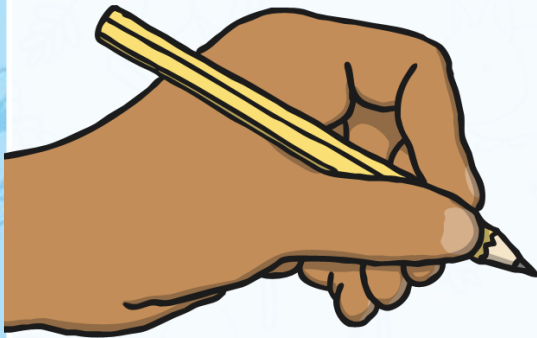
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Here are your spelling words for this week.

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



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