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Common Suffixes:

-able	-est	-ing
-al	-em	-less
-ance	-ence	-ly
-er	-ent	-ment
-ed	-ful	-ness
-er	-ish	-ous

Examples:

Word	Last 3?			Suffix	Vowel Suffix?	New Word
	c	v	c			
begin	✓	✓	✓	-ing	✓	beginning
forgot	✓	✓	✓	-en	✓	forgotten
stop	✓	✓	✓	-ed	✓	stopped
enter	Final syllable is weak			-ing		entering
grasp	✗	✓	✓	-ed	✓	grasped
flat	✓	✓	✓	-ly	✗	flatly



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Activity:

Complete the table.

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	C	V	C			
tap				-ing		
flat				-en		
jump				-ed		
hot				-er		
love				-ly		
big				-est		
grip				-ing		
home				-less		