Doubling Before an Ending

Grade 4 Spelling Worksheet

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   "trim" has one short vowel and ends in one consonant, so double the m.

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   "trim" has a long vowel sound, so keep one m.

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