Doubling Before an Ending

Grade 4 Spelling Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the rule that explains each spelling.

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   - Always double the last letter before -ing.
   - "open" has two vowels together before the last letter, so just add -ing.
   - "open" ends in two consonants, so just add -ing.
   - "open" is not stressed on its last syllable, so just add -ing.

2. "prefer" + -ed = "preferred". Which rule explains this spelling?
   - "prefer" is stressed on its last syllable, so double the r.
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