Drop the E, Add -ing

Grade 4 Spelling Worksheet

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   - -ful starts with a consonant, so keep the e in "use".
   - Always drop a final e before any ending.
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