Drop the E, Add -ing

Grade 4 Spelling Worksheet - Challenge Me

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   - "be" ends in a silent e, so drop the e and add -ing.
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   - Keep the e in "surprise" so the vowel sound stays long.
   - "surprise" has a short vowel, so double the last consonant.
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3. "nine" + -ty = "ninety". Which rule explains this spelling?
   - Change the e to i and add -ty.
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-ful starts with a consonant, so keep the e in "use".

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