When we added E onto the end of short words like *bit*, making it *bite*, the E made the I say its name.

To make the word *bite* – ing, we write *biting*. The second vowel makes the first say its name.

But sometimes we don’t want the vowel to say its name! To write *hug* – ing, we write *hugging*. We put in a double letter to keep the vowels apart so the second vowel doesn’t make the first vowel says its name.

Read these examples of double letter words:

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bed   bedding
bet   betting
fan   fanning
fit   fitting
get   getting
hop   hopping
hum   humming
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Please continue with this lesson on the next page.
The words below don’t need an extra letter. Why?

limp    limping
jump    jumping
bump    bumping
help    helping
tell    telling

I like telling time.
I like helping with mopping.

The hopping and jumping game is fun.
I must get the puppy bedding.