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| **Group 3** | **Group 3** | **Group 3** |
| The ‘r’ is doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is stressed when the suffix is added. The ‘r’ is not doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is no longer stressed  refereeing  conference  inference  transference  preferring  transferred  preference  referring  reference circumference | The ‘r’ is doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is stressed when the suffix is added. The ‘r’ is not doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is no longer stressed  refereeing  conference  inference  transference  preferring  transferred  preference  referring  reference circumference | The ‘r’ is doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is stressed when the suffix is added. The ‘r’ is not doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is no longer stressed  refereeing  conference  inference  transference  preferring  transferred  preference  referring  reference circumference |

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| **Group 2** | **Group 2** | **Group 2** |
| The ‘r’ is doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is stressed when the suffix is added. The ‘r’ is not doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is no longer stressed  referred  reference  referee  refereed  offered  offering  preferred  inferred  transferring  conferred | The ‘r’ is doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is stressed when the suffix is added. The ‘r’ is not doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is no longer stressed  referred  reference  referee  refereed  offered  offering  preferred  inferred  transferring  conferred | The ‘r’ is doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is stressed when the suffix is added. The ‘r’ is not doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is no longer stressed  referred  reference  referee  refereed  offered  offering  preferred  inferred  transferring  conferred |

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| **Group 1** | **Group 1** | **Group 1** |
| The ‘r’ is doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is stressed when the suffix is added. The ‘r’ is not doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is no longer stressed  offer  offered  referring  reference  confer  conferring  prefer  preferring  transfer  transferred | The ‘r’ is doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is stressed when the suffix is added. The ‘r’ is not doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is no longer stressed  offer  offered  referring  reference  confer  conferring  prefer  preferring  transfer  transferred | The ‘r’ is doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is stressed when the suffix is added. The ‘r’ is not doubled if the ‘fer’ sound is no longer stressed  offer  offered  referring  reference  confer  conferring  prefer  preferring  transfer  transferred |