Adding suffixes to words ending in -fer

Rules:

• If the 'fer' syllable is stressed, double the last letter before adding suffix.

E.g. In the word prefer, the syllable fer is stressed so when adding suffixes -ing or -ed, the r letter is double.

Preferring, preferred

• If the 'fer' syllable is not stressed, you just add the suffix. E.g. In the word preference, the 'fer' syllable is not stressed so you just add the suffix -ence without doubling the r.

Transfer	transferred	transferring	transference
Prefer	preferred	preferring	preference
Refer	referred	referring	reference
Infer	inferred	inferring	inference
Defer	deferred	deferring	deference
Confer	conferred	conferring	conference