

Suffix Rules: Rule 1

When a word ends with a **short vowel sound** and a **single consonant**,
double the final consonant.

Examples

clap



clapped

win



winning

flat



flatten

Suffix Rules: Rule 2

When a word ends with an unvoiced 'e',

drop the 'e' if

the suffix begins with a vowel.

Examples

live



living

drive



driver

hope



hoping

Suffix Rules: Rule 3

When a word ends with in an unvoiced 'e',
keep the 'e' if
the suffix begins with a consonant.

Examples

taste



tasteless

love



lovely

hope



hopeful

Suffix Rules: Rule 4

When a word ends with in 'ce' or 'ge',

drop the 'e' if

the suffix begins with 'a' or 'o'.

Examples

knowledge



knowledgeable

courage



courageous

change



changeable

Suffix Rules: Rule 5

When a word ends with with 'y',

change it to 'i' except

when the suffix is 'ing'.

Examples

fly → **flies**

carry → **carrying**

beauty → **beautiful**

try → **trying**

happy → **happily**

copy → **copying**

Suffix Rules: Rule 6

When a word ends in a vowel before the 'y',
keep the 'y'

Examples

toy → **toys**
joy → **joyful**
play → **playful**

Rule Breakers

pay → **paid**
say → **said**
lay → **laid**