

# 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**