

**DOUBLING THE CONSONANT**

- \* Words of one syllable having one vowel and ending in a single consonant double the consonant before a suffix beginning with a vowel: run + ing = running
- \* Two- or three-syllable words ending in a single consonant following a single vowel double the final consonant when the stress falls on the last syllable :  
begin + er = beginner
- \* The final consonant of kidnap, worship, handicap, bias, fuel, dial is also doubled :  
kidnapper // dialled // refuelling
- \* Words ending in an "l" following a single vowel usually double the "l":  
model + ing = modelling // quarrel + ed = quarrelled

**OMISSION OF A FINAL "e"**

- \* Words ending in "e" following a consonant drop the "e" before a suffix beginning with a vowel : love + ing = loving // believe + ed = believed
- \* A final "e" is retained before a suffix beginning with a consonant :  
sincere+ly = sincerely  
But the "e" in able/ible is dropped in the adverb form: incredible - incredibly
- \* Words ending in "ee" do not drop an "e" before a suffix : agree-agreeing/agreement

**WORDS ENDING IN "ce" AND "ge"**

- \* Words ending in "ce" or "ge" retain the "e" before a suffix beginning with "a", "o", or "u":  
manage - manageable // peace - peaceable
- \* Words ending in "ce" change the "e" to "i" before "ous": space - spacious

**WORDS ENDING IN "y"**

- \* Words ending in "y" following a consonant change the "y" to "i" before any suffix except "ing":  
carry + ed = carried // carry + ing = carrying
- \* "y" following a vowel does not change: play + ed = played