

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