
Suffix Spelling Rules

Plural:

Add S

Add ES if Baseword ends in S, X, Z, SH, CH, TCH

Add ES if Baseword ends in O (most of the time)

Doubling Rule:

If syllable is accented, ends with CVC + Vowel suffix
(tapping, regretted)

Change Rule:

Change Y to I before adding *any* suffix (copier, plentiful)

Use ES (puppies)

But not if:

Suffix starts with i (crying)

Vowel Team (stayed)

Dropping Rule:

Drop a Silent-E before adding a Vowel suffix (taping, changed)

But not if:

Baseword ends in CE or GE

And suffix does not start with Watch-Out vowel

(traceable)

UE (continuous, valuable)

Y if IZE or IC (economize, economic)