SILENT E RULE

If your word end in a silent e:

1) Drop the silent e if the suffix begins with a vowel
    (-ing, -er, -es, -est, -ed, -y)

2) Keep the silent e if the suffix begins with a consonant
    (-ly, -ful, -less, -ment, -ness)

Examples:

       hop~~e~~ + ing   = hoping

       hop~~e~~ + ed   = hoped

       hope + ful   = hopeful

       hope + less   = hopeless

       spic~~e~~ + ed   = spiced

       spic~~e~~ + y   = spicy

(Double strike through e indicates dropping)