

## DOUBLING RULE

If your one syllable base word has:

- 1) one short vowel
- 2) ends in one consonant &
- 3) your suffix begins with a vowel

THEN, double the consonant.

drop + ing = dropping

*Exceptions:*

*Never double W's or X's:*

## 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)

## Y RULE

- 1) If your word ends in a Y and is preceded by a consonant,  
change the y to i and add the suffix unless the suffix begins with the letter i.

Example:

copy . . . . . copies, copied, copier, copying

- 2) If your word ends in a Y and is preceded by a vowel,  
do NOT change the y to i.

Example:

play . . . . . plays, player, played, playful, playing