

Let's Spell it Out!

1. Most words double the final consonant when adding a suffix beginning with a vowel:

get + ing = get + t + ing = getting
big + er = big + g + er = bigger

2. Most words with a final e keep the e when adding a suffix that begins with a consonant:

late + ly = lately
brave + ly = bravely

3. Most words drop the final e when adding a suffix that begins with a vowel:

have + ing = hav + ing = having
give + ing = giv + ing = giving

4. Most words change y to i when adding a suffix not beginning with i:

try + ed = tri + ed = tried
pry + ed = pri + ed = pried

5. Most nouns form the plural by adding s:

book + s = books
dove + s = doves

6. Most nouns form the plural by changing y to i when adding es:

story + es = stori + es = stories
country + es = countri + es = countries

7. Nouns ending with s, ss, sh, ch, and x form the plural by adding es:

inch + es = inches
class + es = classes

8. Most nouns form the plural by changing f or fe to v before adding es:

half + es = halv + es = halves
wife + es = wiv + es = wives