

Doubling Rule (1-1-1)

6.

If a 1 syllable base word ends in 1 consonant with 1 short vowel before it, double the final consonant of the base word when adding a suffix that begins with a vowel. Do not double the final consonant if the suffix begins with a consonant.

Examples: mad + est = maddest

but mad + ly = madly

Silent E Rule

7.

Words ending in silent e drop the e before a suffix beginning with a vowel, but do not drop the e before a suffix beginning with a consonant.

Examples: hope, hoping, hopeful

Y Rule

8.

Final y after a vowel is unchanged before any suffix.

Final y after a consonant changes to i before any suffix except one beginning with i -ing, ist

Examples: boy boys

copies, copied, copying, copyist

Concerning Plural

9.

Add es to words ending with s, ss, sh, ch, or x

Examples: passes, slashes, churches, foxes

Change f or fe to v and add es

Examples: knife to knives, half to halves