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# Five Spelling Rules

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# The Floss Rule

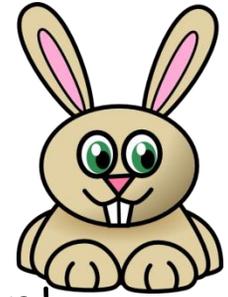


The Rule for Doubling the Last Consonant

If a one-syllable word ends in /f/, /l/, or /s/ after a short vowel, the final f, l, or s is doubled.

thrilll, cliffff, glassss, yellll, huffff, hillll,  
classss, sniffff, dressss, swellll

# The Rabbit Rule



The Rule for Doubling the Middle Consonant

If there is one middle consonant sound after a short vowel in a two-syllable word, the middle consonant is doubled.

cotton, ribbon, tennis, puppet,  
muffin, button, happen

# The Doubling Rule

The Rule for Doubling the Final Consonant



If a base word ends in one short vowel followed by one consonant, the final consonant is doubled before adding a vowel suffix.

winner, sitting, stopped, thinnest,  
batter, hugged, hotter, beginner

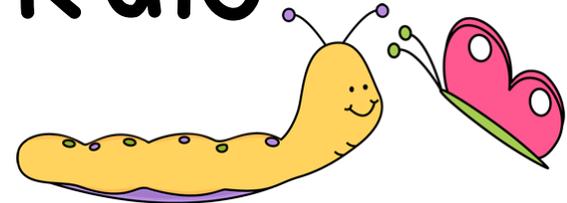
# The Dropping Rule



If a base word ends in final e,  
the e is dropped  
before adding a vowel suffix.

engaging, excitable, having,  
becoming, hoped, sensible, stony

# The Changing Rule



If a base word ends in one consonant before a final *y*, the *y* is changed to *i* before adding a suffix that does not begin with *i*.

happiness, emptied, plentiful,  
penniless, studies, mysterious, skies

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