

Adding Vowel Suffix Rules Help Sheet

1. Double the Consonant

If there is a short vowel sound and one consonant at the end of a word the consonant is doubled.

e.g. swim = swimming flat = flatten

2. Do nothing

If there is a short vowel sound and two consonants at the end of a word then you just add the suffix.

e.g. talk = talked report = reporter

Or if there is a long vowel sound without an 'e' at the end of a word then you just add the suffix.

e.g. climb = climbed rain = raining

3. Drop the 'e'

If there is a long vowel sound using a split vowel digraph then you drop the 'e' before adding the suffix.

e.g. bike = biker phone = phoning

4. Change the 'y' to an 'i'

If the word ends in a consonant followed by a 'y', then you change the 'y' to an 'i' before adding the vowel suffix.

e.g. happy = happier cry = cried