

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

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. Do nothing

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