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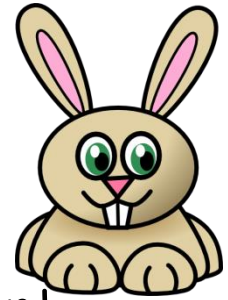


The Rule for Doubling the Last Consonant

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, ribbbon, tennnnis, pupppet,
muffffin, butttton, happppen

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

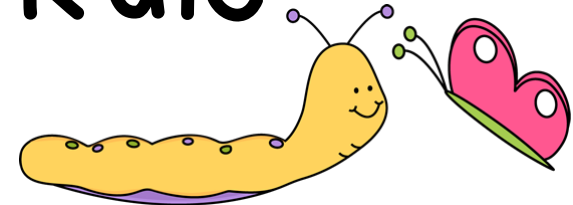
The Dropping Rule



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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