

words that end in silent -e :

- when adding an ending (suffix) that begins with a vowel (-ing), drop the silent -e

make—making

explore—exploring

- when the ending (suffix) begins with a consonant (-s), keep the -e

make—makes

explore—explores

Spelling Rules

"i" before "e":

- write *i* before *e*, except after *c* or when sounded like *-ay* as in neighbor or weigh

believe

achieve

Spelling Rules

letter q:

- in English words, the letter *q* is always followed by *u*

quack queen quick

letter v:

- English words do not end with the letter v

live gave dove

one-syllable word endings:

- when a one-syllable word ends with a short vowel and has a single consonant, you double the final consonant before adding the suffix

run-runing

hit-hiting

Spelling Rules

two-syllable word endings:

- in a two-syllable word, you double the final consonant if the word is accented on the last syllable

open-opening

begin-beginning

words that end with a consonant and -y:

- change the -y to an "i" then add the ending (suffix)

merry-merrily

- ∅ if the suffix begins with "i", keep the -y

hurry-hurrying

words that end with a vowel and -y:

- if a word that ends with a vowel and -y, do not change the -y to an "i"

say-saying