

7 Important Spelling Rules of the English Language

- 1 DOUBLING RULE (PART ONE) –**
When a one-syllable word has one short vowel and ends in only one consonant, when adding a suffix that begins with a vowel, double the last consonant. (hop, hopping, hopped)
- 2 DOUBLING RULE (PART TWO)**
When a two-syllable word has one short vowel and ends in only one consonant, double the final consonant when adding a suffix that begins with a vowel, only if the accent is on the last syllable. (admit, admitted, admitting)
- 3 FINAL E RULE**
When adding an ending that begins with a vowel onto a silent final “e” word, omit the final “e” before adding the ending. (bake, baking)
- 4 “F-L-S” RULE**
When the /f/, /l/, or /s/ sound comes at the end of a single word that has only one vowel letter in it, we usually double the “f,” “l,” or “s.” (puff, bill, pass)
- 5 “C-K-CK” RULE**
When we hear the /k/ sound at the beginning of the word, we usually use the “c.” If the letter “i,” “e,” or “y” is coming after the /k/ sound at the beginning of the word, we need to use the “k,” due to the soft “c” rule. When we hear the /k/ sound in the middle of the word, we usually use the “k.” If the /k/ sound comes after a single short vowel, use “ck,” (pack, deck, lock tack, wreck) otherwise use the “k” at the end of the word.
- 6 /J/ SOUND RULE**
We do not use the letter “j” at the end of a word. If a word has a single short vowel and the /j/ sound is the final consonant sound coming right after the vowel, use the letters “dge.” (fudge, dodge, badge, ridge, edge)
- 7 “Y” RULE**
When adding an ending to a word that ends with a “y,” change the “y” to an “i,” unless the ending is “ing.” (fried, cried, happiness, crying)