

<i>Concept</i>	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Examples</i>
Vowel sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use one vowel to make a short vowel sound.</li> <li>- Use two vowels together, or separated by one consonant, to make a long vowel sound.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>cat, dog, pet, sit, chart</b></li> <li>- <b>weak, coat, race, more</b></li> </ul>
"ie" and "ei"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use "i" before "e" except after "c."</li> <li>- Use "ei" to form a long "a" sound.</li> <li>- Understand the weirder formations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>believe, grief, receive</b></li> <li>- <b>weigh, sleigh, neighbor</b></li> <li>- <b>either, neither, weird, foreign</b></li> </ul>
Forming plurals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add "s" to most words.</li> <li>- Add "es" to words ending in the following: s, x, z, ch, sh, or o preceded by a consonant.</li> <li>- When "y" is preceded by a consonant, change it to "i" and add "es."</li> <li>- Understand the exceptions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>keys, socks, bananas</b></li> <li>- <b>churches, foxes, classes, potatoes</b></li> <li>- <b>parties, stories, tries</b></li> <li>- <b>women (woman), geese (goose), nuclei (nucleus)</b></li> </ul>
Adding prefixes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add the prefix without changing the spelling of the root word, even if it creates double letters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>misunderstood, misspell, unrelated, unnecessary</b></li> </ul>
Adding suffixes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drop the final "e" from the root word only if the suffix begins with a vowel.</li> <li>- Change a final "y" to an "i" unless the suffix begins with "i."</li> <li>- When a consonant (preceded by a single vowel) ends a one-syllable word or an accented syllable, double it before adding a suffix that begins with a vowel.</li> <li>- Exceptions still exist to all the above.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>riding, guidance; securely, advancement</b></li> <li>- <b>emptiness, cozier; trying, carrying</b></li> <li>- <b>dipping, spotted, admitted</b></li> <li>- <b>memorize, volleying, manageable, truly</b></li> </ul>