

- B.** The final consonant is also doubled in a word of two syllables if the stress is on the second syllable.

Two-syllable word with stress on the second	Double the consonant	Add the suffix beginning with a vowel	= New Word
prefer	(preferr)	+ -D	= preferred
begin	(beginn)	+ -ER	= beginner
forget	(forgett)	+ -ING	= forgetting
regret	(regrett)	+ -ABLE	= regrettable
admit	(admitt)	+ -ANCE	= admittance
excel	(excell)	+ -ENT	= excellent

But: prefer - preference refer - reference interfere - interference

II. When to drop final e:

- A.** In a word ending with final **e**, generally e is dropped before adding a suffix beginning with a vowel or **y**.

Word ending in -e	Drop -e	Add the suffix beginning with a vowel of -y	= New Word
write	(writ)	+ -ING	= writing
imitate	(imitat)	+ -ION	= imitation
nature	(natur)	+ -AL	= natural
ice	(ic)	+ -Y	= icy

But: Europe - European like - likeable mile - mileage
 sale - saleable dye - dyeing use - useable

- B.** If the suffix begins with a consonant, final e is usually kept.

Word ending in -e	Add the suffix with a consonant	= New Word
excite	+ -MENT	= excitement
tire	+ -SOME	= tiresome
false	+ -HOOD	= falsehood
life	+ -LIKE	= lifelike
love	+ -LY	= lovely

But: produce - production argue - argument judge - judgment
 wide - width true - truly wise - wisdom

- B.** In a word ending in -y preceded by a consonant, y is usually changed to i before any suffix except one beginning with i, such as -ISH, -IZE, -IST. If the suffix begins with **i**, the final **y** is either dropped or retained as **y**.

Word ending in constant and -y	Change -y to -i .	Add the suffix	= New Word
ordinary	(ordinari)	+ -LY	= ordinarily
ceremony	(ceremon)	+ -AL	= ceremonial
modify	(modifi)	+ -ABLE	= modifiable
classify	(classifi)	+ -ACTION	= classification
beauty	(beauti)	+ -FUL	= beautiful
signify	(signifi)	+ -CANT	= significant
envy	(envi)	+ -OUS	= envious

But: **-y** retained

thirty - thirtyish
copy - copyist

-y dropped

beauty - beautify
economy - economize
biology - biologist

- C.** In a one - syllable word if y is preceded by a consonant and pronounced as /ay/, **-y** does not change to **-i**

One-syllable word ending in a consonant and -y	Add the suffix	= New Word
shy	+ -LY	= shyly
dry	+ -NESS	= dryness

- D.** When adding -SHIP, -LIKE, **-y** does not change.

Noun ending in -y	Add the suffix .	= New Word
secretary	+ -SHIP	= secretaryship
lady	+ -LIKE	= ladylike

IV. If a word ends in -c, the letter k is usually added before -ED and -ING.

Word ending in -c	Add -k .	Add the suffix	= New Word
panic	(panick)	+ -ED	= picknicking
picnic	(picnick)	+ -ING	= panicked

V. A suffix is added only to the singular form of a noun.

Singular noun	Add the suffix.	=	New Word
Tooth	+ -LESS	=	toothless