

HOW TO ADD A SUFFIX

SPELLING OF ENDINGS: -S/-ES, -ING, -ED, -ER, -EST, -LY

- ✘ Words ending in *-ch*, *-sh*, *-s*, *-x*, or *-z* add *-es*:
 - Eg. teaches, brushes, buses, foxes, buzzes
- ✘ The words *tomato*, *potato*, *tornado*, *do*, and *go* also add *-es*:
 - Eg. does, tomatoes, volcanoes, goes
- Most nouns ending in *-f* or *-fe*:
 - loaf – loaves, wife – wives
- ✘ Words ending in a consonant + *-y*, drop the *-y* and add *-ies/-ied/-ier/-iest/-ily*:
 - + Eg. babies, cities, cried, happier, loveliest, angrily
- ✘ Words ending in one *-e* drop the *-e* and add *-ing/-ed/-er/-est*:
 - + Eg. writing, moved, latest, nicest

× Words ending *-ie* and *-le* drop the ending and add *-ying* and *-ly*:

+ Eg. die – dying / simple – simply

× Words of one syllable ending in one vowel + one consonant, double the final consonant before the suffix:

+ Eg. putting, dropped, fatter, biggest

× But words ending in one vowel + *-y,-w,* or *-x* simply add the ending:

+ Eg. playing, showing, slower, mixed

× Words of two or more syllables ending in one vowel + one consonant, also double their final consonant before the suffix when the stress is on the **last** syllable:

+ Eg. begin- beginning,

+ Except: travelling