

Reminders for

GOOD SPELLERS!



If a syllable has a short vowel followed by **one** consonant, **double** that consonant before adding an ending.

run—running
skip—skipped



When a word ends in **e**, drop the **e** before adding an ending that begins with **a, e, i, o, u,** or **y**.

ride—riding
shine—shiny



If the letter before **y** is a **consonant**, change the **y** to **i** and add **es**.

baby—babies
cry—cries

If the letter before **y** is a **vowel**, just add **s**.

boy—boys
day—days



If you hear the **f** sound in a plural noun, just add **s** to make the word plural.

reef—reefs
belief—beliefs

If you hear the **v** sound in a plural noun, change the **f** to **v** and add **es**.

life—lives
knife—knives



When **ie** has the **long e** sound, the **i** is usually written **before e**.

shield piece

After the letter **c**, the **e** is usually written **first**.

receive ceiling

Simple Past Tense Regular Verbs

Spelling Rules	Examples
Ending in e add d	live – lived stare – stared
Ending in vowel + y add ed	stay – stayed play – played
Ending in consonant + y change y to i and add ed	try – tried carry – carried
One syllable, single vowel and ending in single consonant double the final consonant and add ed	nod – nodded rip – ripped
Two-syllable, stress on second syllable and ending in single consonant double the final consonant and add ed	commit – committed prefer – preferred