



# Spelling Rules That Help Us

I can add suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable.



Spelling Rule	Example Words
1) The silent <b>-e</b> at the end of the root word is dropped when adding a suffix beginning with a <b>vowel letter</b> , except being.	nicest
2) When a word ends in a <b>y</b> , change the <b>y</b> to <b>i</b> before the suffix is added but not before <b>-ing</b> .	happiest
3) If you add a suffix that begins with a <b>vowel letter</b> to a word: ✓ that ends with <b>one vowel</b> and a <b>consonant</b> (e.g. -at, -en) ✓ that has more than <b>one syllable</b> (e.g. hello) ✓ where the last syllable of the word is <b>stressed</b> (e.g. forgot or channel) The final consonant is <b>doubled</b> before the vowel suffix is added. <b>Remember that the consonant is not doubled if the second syllable is not stressed.</b>	beginning      gardener

1. Use the rules to help you add the suffixes to the words below and write a sentence containing the final word.

Root Word	Suffix	Final Word	Sentence Containing Final Word
adore	-ing		
forget	-ing		
commit	-ed		
improve	-er		
sunny	-er		
multiply	-ing		