

## Spelling Rules Reminders for Year One

We mostly just add a suffix like ing, ed, er or est to verbs and adjectives e.g. hunting/hunted/hunter, buzzing/buzzed/buzzer, fresher/freshest. We mostly just add s to make a plural. But...

### Special spelling rules

- Add -es. You add es (not just s) when the end of the word is s, sh, ch, x, z (or has the same sound as one of these).
- Change the y to i (unless adding ing) e.g. baby- babies happy- happier try- tried
- If it ends in e we drop the e before adding the suffix (unless it's a plural gives wouldn't be right as givees) e.g. hope- hoping love- loved close- closest
- If it is a short vowel consonant ending we often double the consonant before adding the suffix e.g. hop- hopping (if we didn't double the consonant after the short vowel it would say hoping (hope-ing)!
- There are special past word exceptions to learn that you learn by talking to people like: slept, sat, flew, sang etc.
- When a /v/ sound is heard at the end of a word it usually needs a letter e after e.g. have, live, give.
- Double consonants like: ll ss zz ff (or ck) are normally seen at the ends of words.

Don't worry if you aren't sure in year one. This year is just an introduction. With practise you'll get there.