

Spelling Rules Taught in Fourth Grade Spelling Program

- When a word ends with a silent e, drop the e before you add an ending that begins with a vowel
- When a word ends with a silent e, do not drop the e before you add an ending that begins with a consonant
- i before e except after c or when sounded like a as in neighbor and weigh
- To make the plural form of a noun that ends with vowel + y, add the letter s
- When a noun, adjective or verb ends with a consonant y, change the y to an i and add the suffix to the end
- Double the final consonant of 1 + 1 + 1 words (1 syllable, 1 vowel and 1 ending consonant) before adding an ending that begins with a vowel
- Do not double the final consonant of a 1 + 1 + 1 word when adding an ending that begins with a consonant
- When you add an ending that begins with a vowel, the base word usually changes;
the final e is dropped in final silent e words the final
consonant is doubled in 1+1+1 words
- When you add an ending that begins with a consonant, the base word usually remains the same
- Use -dge immediately after a single, short vowel in a one-syllable word. Use -ge in most other words
- Use -tch immediately after a single, short vowel in a one-syllable word. Use -ch in most other words
- When a word ends with sh, ch, x, s ad -es to make the plural form
- When a words ends with se, ce, ze, or ge, drop the e and add -es to make the plural form
- When a plural noun ends with s, add only an apostrophe to make the possessive form (i.e. ladies')
- When a plural noun does not end with s, add 's to make the possessive form