

- 1-A ONE-syllable words with ONE vowel cannot end with a single
-c / -f / -k / -l / -s / -z
 eg.: luck / staff / sick / well / miss / jazz
Exceptions: bus / gas / trek
- 1-B ONE-syllable words with TWO vowels cannot end with **-ck** or **-ll**
 eg.: steak / look / steal / wool
- 2 **-c** endings are for words of more than one syllable
 eg.: public / fantastic
 Final **-c** is changed to **-ck** before **-ed / -ing / -er**
 eg.: picnic – picnickers / panic – panicked
- 3 When **ALL / FULL / TILL / WELL** are used in compounds, they usually drop one **-l**
 eg.: welcome / skilful / until
- 4 Words ending in **-OUR** drop the **-u-** before **-ATE / -ATION / -IZE / -OUS**
 eg.: humour_humorous / vigour_invigorate / glamour_glamorize
- 5-A **I** before **-E**, except after **c-**, when the sound is [i:]
 eg.: achieve / believe / field / grief / piece . . .
 but: receive / deceive / conceit / ceiling
Exception: seize [si:z]
- 5-B **E** before **-I** when the sound is [ei] [ai] [e]
 eg.: rein / weight / neighbour / height / their
Exception: friend
- 6-A Final **-y** changes to **-i-** when the word is lengthened
 eg.: marry _ married _ marriage / busy _ business / early _ earlier
- UNLESS: a) you add **-ing** (eg. *carrying*) or other endings beginning with **-i** (eg. *Toryism / babyism*)
- b) there is a vowel before the **-y** (eg. *employed*)
Exceptions: daily / gaily / laid / paid / said
- 6-B Final **-ie** changes to **-y-** before **-ing**
 eg.: die _ dying / lie _ lying
- 7-A Words ending with a silent **-e** drop the **-e-** before a vowel
 eg.: love_lovable / hope_hoping / notice_noticing / blue_bluish
Exceptions: with -CE & -GE endings, keep the -E- before -A or -O
 eg.: noticeable / manageable / courageous / replaceable
- 7-B Words ending with a silent **-e** keep the **-e-** before a consonant
 eg.: love_lovely / hope_hopeful / nice_nicely / excite_excitement
Exceptions: words ending in -ue: argument / duly / truly / awful