

# SPELLING RULES

## 1. The F, L, S, or Z Rule (the "floss" rule)

When you have a **one-syllable** word, with **one** short vowel, that ends in **f, l, s, or z**, **double the f, l, s, or z**.

(exceptions: **if, pal, us, bus, yes, gas, this, Gus**)

**Examples: puff, tell, miss, jazz**

## 2. The 1-1-1 Doubling Rule

When you have a **one-syllable** word, that ends with **one** consonant, after **one** vowel, you **DOUBLE** the final consonant when adding a **VOWEL** suffix.

**Examples:      sin + ing = sinning**  
**sin + ful = sinful**

## 3. The Silent-E Dropping Rule

When you have a word that ends with a silent *e*, you drop the *e* before adding a **VOWEL** suffix.

**Examples:      pave + ing = paving**  
**pave + s = paves**

## 4. The Y-Changing Rule

When you have a word that ends in a *y* after a **consonant**, you change the *y* to *i* when adding a **non-*i*** suffix.

**Examples:      happy + ness = happiness**  
**carry + ing = carrying**  
**play + ful = playful**