

SPELLING RULES

1) SPELLING RULES FOR THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

a) Add **-s** for most verbs

work - works, buy - buys, ride - rides, return - returns

b) Add **-es** for words that end in **-ch, -s, -sh, -x, or -z**.

watch - watches, pass - passes, rush - rushes, relax - relaxes, buzz - buzzes

c) Change the **-y** to **-i** and add **-es** when the base form ends in a consonant **+y**.

study - studies, hurry - hurries, dry - dries

*Do not change the **-y** when the base form ends in a vowel **+y**. Add **-s**:

play - plays, enjoy - enjoys

d) A few verbs have irregular forms.

be - is, do - does, go - goes, have - has

2) SPELLING RULES FOR THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS

a) Add **-ing** to the base form of the verb.

read - reading, stand - standing, jump - jumping

b) If a verb ends in a silent **-e**, drop the final **-e** and add **-ing**.

leave - leaving, take - taking, receive - receiving

c) In a one-syllable word, if the last three letters are consonant-vowel-consonant combination (CVC), double the last consonant before adding **-ing**.

sit - sitting, run - running, hop - hopping

*However, do not double the last consonant in word that end in *w, x, or y*:

sew - sewing, fix - fixing, enjoy - enjoying

d) In words of two or more syllables that end in a consonant-vowel-consonant combination, double the last consonant only if the last syllable is stressed.

admit - admitting, regret - regretting

e) If a verb ends in **-ie**, change the **-ie** to **y** before adding **-ing**.

die - dying

ALWAYS TRUE

Two and two make four.

PERMANENT SITUATIONS

I live in London.

SHORT ACTIONS NOW

He takes the ball and scores a goal!

PRESENT

HABITS

She plays tennis every Tuesday.

Use with: twice a month, on Fridays, often, sometimes.

PRESENT SIMPLE

FUTURE

FUTURE TIMETABLES

Our train leaves at 11am.

Use with: this evening, at 10 o'clock, tomorrow.

FUTURE IN TIME CLAUSES

I won't go out until it stops raining.

Use with: until, when, as soon as, after, before.

UNFINISHED ACTIONS NOW

I'm working at the moment.

Use with: now, at the moment.

TEMPORARY SITUATIONS

I'm living in London.

Use with: at the moment, for a few weeks, for a couple of months.

TEMPORARY HABITS

He's eating a lot these days.

Use with: at the moment, these days.

ANNOYING HABITS

You're forever losing your keys!

Use with: always, forever, constantly.

DEFINITE FUTURE PLANS

I'm meeting my father tomorrow.

Use with: tomorrow, later, at 7pm tonight, on Tuesday.

PRESENT

PRESENT
CONTINUOUS

FUTURE