First we need to understand what **vowel** and **consonant suffixes**  
are for this part  
**vowel suffix**  
-ance  
-er  
-ing  
-able/-ible  
-est  
-ed  
-ation  
  
**consonant suffix**  
-ly  
-less  
-y  
-ship  
-ment  
-ness  
-ful  
-s

**Summary of some key rules** ( but like all spelling rules there are **always exceptions**)

1.  **Y** to **i** rule with words ending in consonant + y.

a. Change the **y** to **i** before vowel suffixes (**except -ing**)

car**ry** + ed =  carr**ied**   
carry + er = carrier  
carry + age = carriage  
**BUT** carry + **ing** = carr**ying**(can't have two i's carr**ii**ng!!!!! But exceptions see rule 5)

happy + er = happ**i**er  
happy + est = happ**i**est

supply + ed = suppl**i**ed  
supply + er = supplier  
supply + es = supplies  
BUT **supplying**

deny - denied, denial BUT denying  
marry - married, marries BUT marrying  
rely - reliable, reliant, relied, relies BUT relying  
comply - compliance, compliant, complied, complies, BUT complying

b. Change the **y** to **i** before consonant suffixes

beauty + ful = beaut**i**ful  
beauty + fy = beautify

happy + ness = happ**i**ness  
happy + ly = happily

angry - angr**i**ly, angriness  
ordinary - ordinariness, ordinarily  
lonely - loneliness  
empty - emptiness  
plenty - plentiful  
likely- likeliness, likelihood  
necessary = necessarily  
busy - bus**i**ness, busily  
hungry - hungrily

c. exceptions - dryer, drying, dryish, dryness, slyness

dry + ly = dryly or drily

d. Changing ie to y

die + ing = dying  
tie + ing = tying  
lie + ing = lying

e. **y** remains if the word ends in a vowel + y

b**uy** - buyer, buying, buys  
employ - employer, employee, employable  
enjoy - enjoying, enjoyed, enjoyable, enjoyment  
joy - joyful, joyous, enjoyable, joys

2. Drop the 'e' rule before a vowel suffix

a. Words ending in silent **'e'** + vowel suffix

love - loving, lover, loved, lovable (or loveable)  
make - making, maker  
use - using, usable, user, used  
have - having  
adore- adorable  
care - cared, carer, caring  
move - movable, moving, mover

b. **Exceptions** - words ending in 'ce' or 'ge' keep the 'e' before -ousand -able ( because it softens the 'g', 'c' sound)

manage - manageable  (BUT  drop the 'e' with -ing, -ed, er  managing, managed, manager)

notice - noticeable  (BUT drop the 'e' with -ing etc noticing, noticed)

courage - courageous  
service - serviceable  
changeable  
gorgeous

c. Also keep the 'e' with the following:

likeable, saleable, hireable, blameable, sizeable nameable ( but drop the 'e' with -**ing**)

d. Also drop the 'e' with -**is**  
analyse + is = analys**is**,  paralyse = paralysis

**Keep the 'e' rules:**

e. **Keep** the 'e' with consonant  suffixes

Keep the 'e' before -**ful**

care+ ful = care**ful**  
hopeful, peaceful, useful, wasteful

BUT change words ending in consonant + **Y** to **i**

plent**y** + ful = plent**i**ful, beauty + ful - beautiful

BUT not joyful  = vowel + y

f. **Keep** the 'e' when the word ends in ee or ye

agree - agree**ing**  
eye- eyeing  
see - seeing  
guaranteeing, foreseeing, decreeing

g. **Keep** the 'e' before -**ly**

accurate+ **ly** = accurat**ely**, like + ly = lik**ely**, love+ ly = lovely, definite + ly = definitely

lively, rarely, homely, desperately, approximately, entirely, completely

BUT due - duly, subtle = subtly, true - truly

g. **Keep** the 'e' before -**ment**

achieve + ment = achiev**ement**, advertisement, arrangement, excitement, involvement, replacement

BUT drop the 'e' with argue + ment = argument.

Also acknowledgement or acknowledgment can be spelt either way.

judgement usually keeps the 'e' **but** lawyers spell it without the 'e' judgment

3. 1:1:1 rule - Check out the [1:1:1 doubling up video](http://howtospell-letterpatterns.co.uk/111-doubling-up-rule/)

a. Words of 1 syllable ending in 1 vowel+ 1 consonant - double the last letter before a vowel suffix

sh**op** - sho**pped**, shopping, shopper  
pl**an** - pla**nn**ed, planning, planner  
fat - fatter, fatten, fattest, fatty  
pot - potting, potted, potter, pottery  
slip - slipped, slipping, slipper, slippery

Do not double last letter if it's a **w, x, y** - tax - taxed, stay - staying, towed...  
Do not double if **two vowels**- h**ea**t - heating, sleeping, sleeper...  
Do not double if **two consonants** - sha**rp**- sharpen, fasting, turned...

BUT **qu**- is classed as one consonant because we can't have **q** without the **u**  
**qu**it - quitting, quitter, quitted  
quiz - quizzed, quizzing, quizzer

b. Words of more than 1 syllable ending in 1 vowel + 1consonant when the **stress** is on the last syllable double up the last letter.

re**gret** - regre**tt**able, regretting, regretted  
for**get** - forgettable, forgetting (past: forgot - forgotten)  
occur - occurring, occurrence, occurred  
begin - beginning, beginner  
commit - commi**tt**ing, committee, committed  
forbid - forbidden, forbidding

BUT

pre**fer** - preferring, preferred (BUT **pref**erence, preferable, preferential- the stress moves)  
refer - referred, referring (BUT **ref**erence, referee- the stress moves)  
confer - conferred, conferring (BUT conference)

(No change if stress not on last syllable - (stress on first syllable) **ta**rget - targeted, **lim**it - limited, limiting, **bud**geting, marketing, marketed)

BUT focus can be both - focusing or focussing, focused or focussed

ALSO  input - inputted, inputting  
kidnap - kidnapped, kidnapping, kidnapper (**American** kidnaped, kidnaping, kidnaper)  
output - outputted, outputting  
worship - worshipping, worshipper, worshipped ( **American** - worshiped, worshiper, worshiped)  
handicap - handicapped, handicapping, handicapper

4. Double the last L  
Words of more than 1 syllable ending in 1 vowel + **L** always double up the **L** before a vowel suffix (**except** after -**ity** and -**ise**). **American**spelling **don't** double up.

trav**el** - trave**lled**, traveller, travelling) (American - traveled, traveler, traveling)  
cancel - cancelling, cancelled, cancellation (American - canceling, canceled, cancelation)  
label - labelling, labelled (American - labeled, labeling)  
model - modelled, modelling, modeller (American - modeled, modeling, modeler)  
marvel - marvellous, marvelled, marvelling (American - marvelous, marveling, marveled)  
signal - signalling, signalled, signaller signally (American - signaled, signaler, signaling)  
quarrel - quarrelling, quarrelled, quarreller (American - quarreling, quarreled, quarreler)

enrol - enrolling, enrolled (enrols) (American **enroll** - enrolling, enrolled, enrolls)

expel - expelled, expelling, expeller, expellable (American the same)

**BUT**: devil - devilish, loyal - loyalist, parallel - paralleled, paralleling, travel - travelogue

Do not double when two vowels - appeal - appealing, appealed

5. Words ending in **vowels**   - no change with vowel suffixes.

echo - ech**oed**, echoer, echoing  
henna - hennaed  
mascara - mascaraed  
radio - radioed  
ski - skied, skier, sk**iing**  
taxi - taxied, tax**iing**  
video - videoed, videoing