

# The rules for adding suffixes

## A word ending in a consonant then -e

To add -ed, -ing, -er, -est and -y (for any other suffix beginning with a vowel letter):  
Drop the -e.

smiled

## A root word ending in a consonant then -y

To add -ed, -er and -est:  
Change the y to an i.

cried

To add -ing:  
Keep the y.

crying

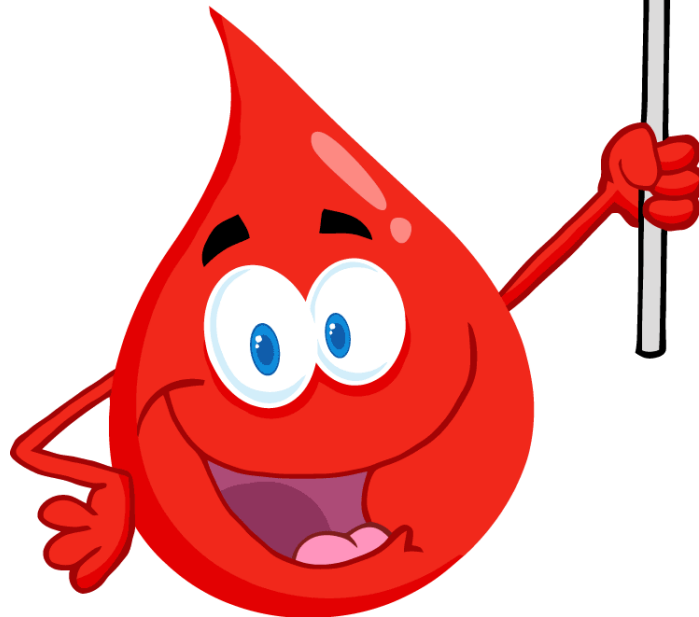
## A one syllable word ending in a single vowel then a single consonant

To add -ed, -ing, -er and -est:  
Double the last consonant.

popped

Except:  
The letter 'x' which is never doubled and the letter 'c',  
instead of doubling it, add 'k'.

# Suffix Rules

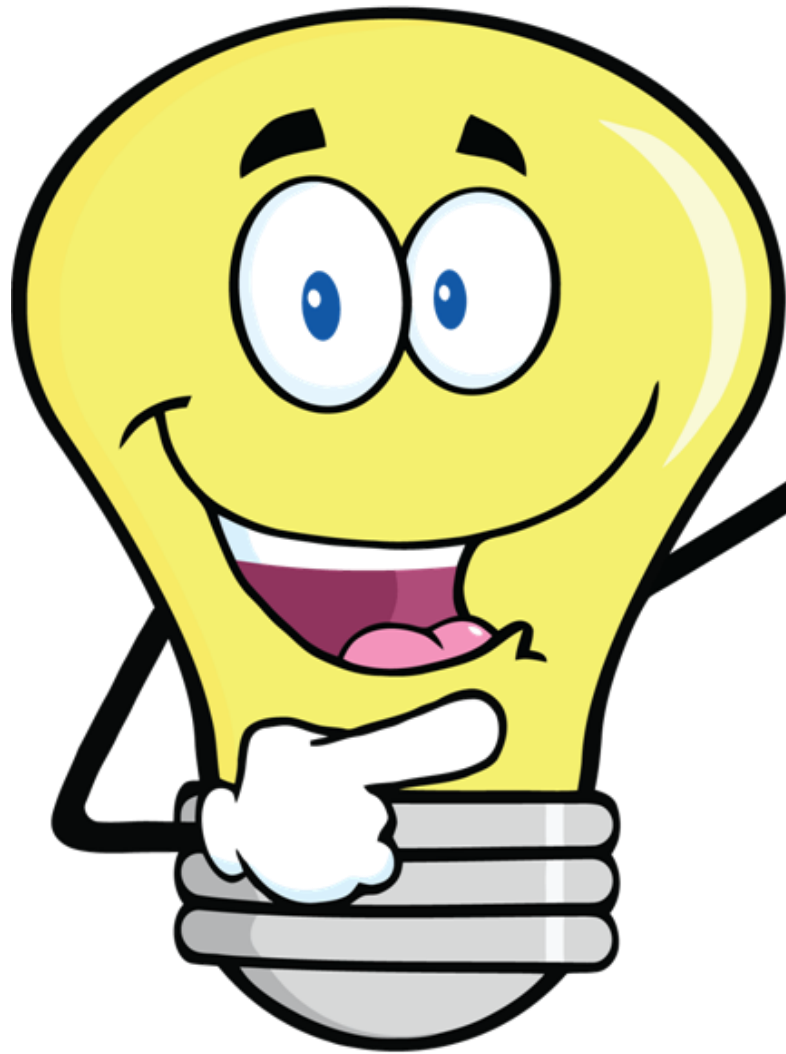




Let's recap on the spelling rules for adding suffixes.

Are you ready?





A root word ending  
in a consonant

To add -ed, -er and -  
est:

Change the y to an i.

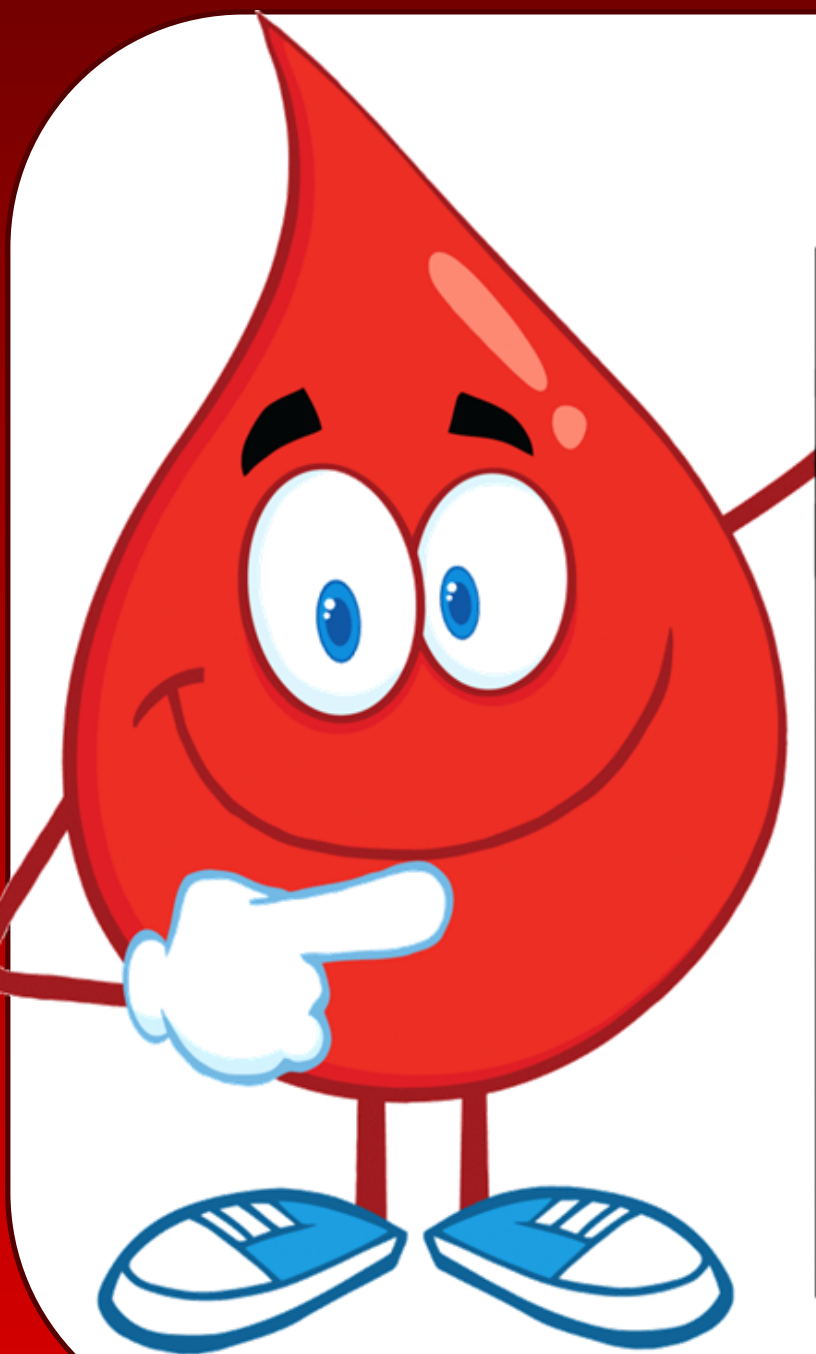
then -y

cried

To add -ing:

Keep the -y.

crying



## A word ending in a consonant then -e

To add -ed, -ing, -er, -est and -y (or any other suffix beginning with a vowel letter):

Drop the -e.

smile

d



**A one syllable word  
ending in a single  
vowel then a single**

**To add -ed, -ing, -er and -  
est:**

Double the last consonant.

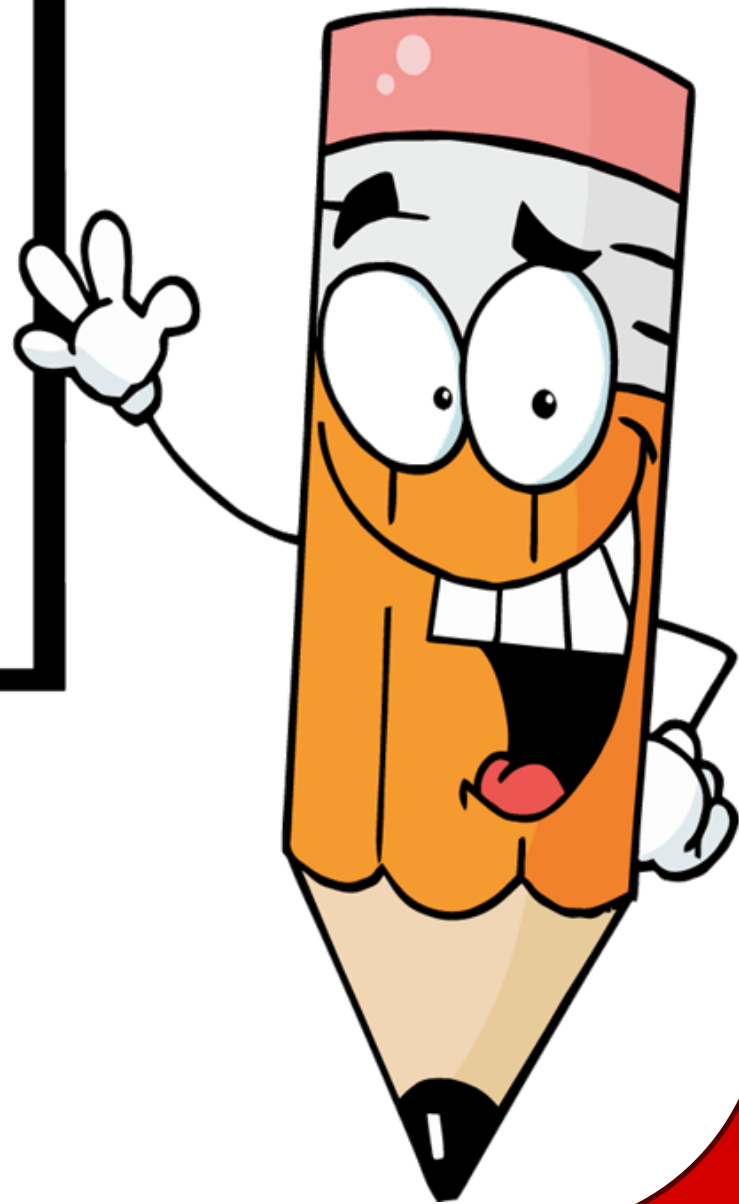
**consonant**

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d

**Except:**

The letter 'x' which is never  
doubled and the letter 'c',  
instead of doubling it, add  
'k'.

Can you remember these rules?  
Let's see!  
Add -ed to the words on the  
following pages using the three  
different rules.



played

trapped



stayed

replied

**fitted**

liked

pitied

copied

hugged

named



slipped

screame

d

hurried

stopped

moved

carried

tried

saved



begged

tidied

buried

smiled

rubbed

married

# How did you do?

