Printable Spelling Rules Chart: Reference and Practice

Spelling Rules Chart: Six Rules with Examples / 1 of 2

Reference chart; not a practice sheet.

Rule	Statement	Examples	Check step
1	i before e except after c, when the sound is long e	believe, piece, receive, ceiling; exceptions seize, weird	Say the word aloud and decide whether the vowel pair sounds like long e.
2	Double the final consonant before a vowel suffix when the word ends in a single consonant after a single vowel and the final syllable is stressed	run→running, begin→beginning, occur→occurred	Mark the final syllable and check whether it is stressed.
3	Drop a final silent e before a vowel suffix; keep e before a consonant suffix	make→making, hope→hoping, use→usable; hopeful, useful	Check whether the suffix begins with a vowel or a consonant.
4	Change final y to i before a suffix unless the suffix begins with i	happy→happiness, carry→carried; carry+ing→carrying	Check the suffix's first letter before changing y to i.

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Rule	Statement	Examples	Check step
5	Add s to most nouns; add es after s, x, z, ch, sh	cats, boxes, churches, dishes	Check the final letters of the singular noun before adding s or es.
6	Use -able and -ible according to common patterns; -able is more common and often attaches to complete words, -ible is less common and often attaches to stems	readable, comfortable, visible, possible	Treat as a pattern to check, not a guarantee.

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Junction Diagram: Base Word + Suffix with Rule Applied

Worked example happy + ness; reference only.

Step	Base word	Suffix	Rule applied at junction
1. Write base and suffix separately	happy	ness	—
2. Name the rule	happy	ness	Rule 4: change final y to i before a suffix unless the suffix begins with i.
3. Apply the rule	happi	ness	y→i because ness begins with n.
4. Check against examples	happiness	—	Matches happiness pattern.
5. Reason sentence	—	—	The suffix ness begins with n, so the final y changes to i.

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Handwriting Label Diagram: Baseline and Midline for x-height



x-height = baseline to midline; example 4 mm hypothetical. Accept any legible style keeping baseline and midline consistent.