

# APPENDIX 3

## Spelling rules

### 1 Spelling of nouns/verbs + s

(plural nouns and present simple verbs after he/she/it)

most nouns and verbs	add -s	<i>cat</i> → <i>cats</i> <i>house</i> → <i>houses</i> <i>eat</i> → <i>eats</i> <i>sleep</i> → <i>sleeps</i>
nouns and verbs that end in -ch, -s, -sh, -x, -o	add -es	<i>church</i> → <i>churches</i> <i>bus</i> → <i>buses</i> <i>dish</i> → <i>dishes</i> <i>box</i> → <i>boxes</i> <i>potato</i> → <i>potatoes</i> <i>teach</i> → <i>teaches</i> <i>miss</i> → <i>misses</i> <i>wash</i> → <i>washes</i> <i>go</i> → <i>goes</i>
nouns and verbs that end in consonant + -y	take away -y and add -ies	<i>city</i> → <i>cities</i> <i>family</i> → <i>families</i> <i>carry</i> → <i>carries</i> <i>fly</i> → <i>flies</i>
nouns and verbs that end in vowel + -y	add -s	<i>holiday</i> → <i>holidays</i> <i>key</i> → <i>keys</i> <i>enjoy</i> → <i>enjoys</i> <i>play</i> → <i>plays</i>
nouns that end in -f or -fe	take away -f(e) and add -ves	<i>wife</i> → <i>wives</i> <i>loaf</i> → <i>loaves</i> (BUT <i>roof</i> → <i>roofs</i> )

### 2 Spelling of -ing forms of verbs

most verbs	add -ing to the infinitive form	<i>eat</i> → <i>eating</i> <i>go</i> → <i>going</i> <i>sleep</i> → <i>sleeping</i>
verbs that end in -e	take away -e and add -ing	<i>take</i> → <i>taking</i> <i>use</i> → <i>using</i>
verbs that end in -ie	take away -ie and add -ying	<i>die</i> → <i>dying</i> <i>lie</i> → <i>lying</i>
verbs of one syllable that end in a short vowel + consonant	double the consonant and add -ing	<i>sit</i> → <i>sitting</i> <i>swim</i> → <i>swimming</i>
verbs with more than one syllable that end in a <u>stressed</u> short vowel and consonant, e.g. <i>begin</i> .	double the consonant and add -ing (We don't double the consonant if the final syllable is not stressed: <i>visit</i> → <i>visiting</i> )	<i>begin</i> → <i>beginning</i> <i>forget</i> → <i>forgetting</i>

### 3 Spelling of regular verbs

(past simple endings and past participles)

verbs that end in -e	add -d	<i>die</i> → <i>died</i> <i>like</i> → <i>liked</i> <i>live</i> → <i>lived</i>
verbs that end in a stressed vowel and one consonant (except y, w or x)	double the consonant and add -ed (We don't double the consonant if the final syllable is not stressed)	<i>plan</i> → <i>planned</i> <i>rob</i> → <i>robbed</i> <i>stop</i> → <i>stopped</i> ( <i>visit</i> → <i>visited</i> <i>open</i> → <i>opened</i> )
verbs that end in a consonant + -y	remove -y and add -ied	<i>carry</i> → <i>carried</i> <i>study</i> → <i>studied</i>
verbs that end in a vowel + -y	add -ed	<i>enjoy</i> → <i>enjoyed</i> <i>play</i> → <i>played</i>

### 4 Spelling of comparative adjectives

most short adjectives	add -er	<i>rich</i> → <i>richer</i> <i>tall</i> → <i>taller</i>
most short adjectives that end in e	add -r	<i>late</i> → <i>later</i> <i>nice</i> → <i>nicer</i>
short adjectives that end in one vowel + one consonant (except w)	double the consonant and add -er	<i>big</i> → <i>bigger</i> <i>hot</i> → <i>hotter</i> ( <i>slow</i> → <i>slower</i> <i>low</i> → <i>lower</i> )
short adjectives that end in consonant + -y	change y to i and add -er	<i>dry</i> → <i>drier</i> <i>funny</i> → <i>funnier</i>