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Suffixes

Rules for adding -s and -es to verbs in the Present Simple:

When the verb ends in -ss, -sh, -eh, -x or -o, then we add the suffix -es.

he talks	she eats
dress	dresses
wish	wishes
watch	watches
mix	mixes
do	does

When the verb ends in a consonant + -y, we remove -y, and add the suffix -ies.

carry	carries
pay	pays

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Rules for adding -ing to verbs in continuous tenses:

When the verb ends in -e, we remove the -e and add the suffix -ing

singing	drinking
live	living
use	using

When the verb ends in -ie, we convert *ie to -y' and add the suffix -itrg

tie	tying
die	dying

When the verb is a single syllable and ends in a consonant - vowel - consonant, we double its last letter and add the suffix -ing.

put	Putting
drop	Dropping
get	getting

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When the verb ends in consonant - vowel - consonant and the last letter of the verb is l, then we double the l and add the suffix -ing.

travel	travelling

When the verb has two or more syllables, ends with consonant - vowel – consonant, and the stress is on the last syllable, we double the last letter before adding the suffix -ing.

forget	forgetting
listen	listening

Note: We do not double the last letter if the verb ends in -w, -X and -y.

destroy	destroying

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