

# Spelling Rules — Cheat Sheet

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## SPELLING RULES

1. Silent e drops before -ing/-ed: hoping, smiled.
2. Short vowel doubles: running, sitting.
3. Consonant + y → ies; vowel + y → just s.
4. Learn the rebels by heart: said, friend, because, once.

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**Key pair:** hoping (long o) vs hopping (short o).