

Doubling Rule

1:1:1

Rule: If the word is one syllable, has only one vowel and one consonant after the vowel, double the consonant when adding a suffix that begins with a vowel.

Write the base word	One vowel?	One consonant after the vowel?	One syllable?	1:1:1	Not 1:1:1	Suffix	Write the suffix + base word
example: spot	✓	✓	✓	✓		ed	spotted
example: sport	✓	x	✓		✓	ing	sporting
bar						ed	
herd						ing	
star						ed	
turn						ing	
stir						ing	
fat						est	
dark						er	
short						er	
big						est	
smart						est	