

Word-building



Look carefully at the changes in these words.

talker - talking
helps - helpful
easy - easily
try - trying
try - tries



Now complete this spelling guide.

When a word has a silent *e* at the end, it usually loses this *e* when we add

..... but keeps it when we add

Before adding *es* or *es* to words that end in a consonant followed by *y*, change the

..... to

Add *-ing* to these words.

talker + *-ing* becomes flames + *-ing* becomes
moves + *-ing* becomes close + *-ing* becomes
says + *-ing* becomes shows + *-ing* becomes

Add *-ed* to these words.

helps + *-ed* becomes grows + *-ed* becomes
helps + *-ed* becomes says + *-ed* becomes
say + *-ed* becomes taste + *-ed* becomes

Add *-es* to these words. Change the *e* to *i* if you need to.

the + *-es* becomes city + *-es* becomes
city + *-es* becomes multiply + *-es* becomes
carry + *-es* becomes key + *-es* becomes
die + *-es* becomes usually + *-es* becomes

Now write some *-ing*, *-ed*, and *-es* words of your own.

..... + *-ing* becomes + *-ing* becomes
..... + *-ed* becomes + *-ed* becomes
..... + *-es* becomes + *-es* becomes