



Developing Literacy

Spelling Rule 1

A silent 'e' lengthens the vowel

HAT - HATE
COP - COPE
CUT - CUTE
RAT - RATE

Spelling Rule 2

A silent 'e' is dropped
when adding 'ing'

FUME - FUMING
COPE - COPING
BIKE - BIKING

Spelling Rule 3

A double consonant keeps
the vowel short

BATTING
BETTER
COPPED
CUNNING
RIPPING

Spelling Rule 4

When adding 'ly'
write the shorter word first

ACCIDENTALLY
EXTREMELY
GRATEFULLY
REALLY
WISELY

Spelling Rule 5

'y' becomes 'i' or 'ie' when
adding an ending

BABY - BABIES
LADY - LADIES
unless there is a vowel
before the 'y'
BOY - BOYS
MONKEY - MONKEYS

Spelling Rule 6

'i' before 'e' except after 'c'
when the sound is 'ee'

BELIEVE **RECEIVE**

(n.b. exceptions: weird, seize)
(n.b. it does not apply when the
sound is not 'ee': weight, height)