

Suffix spelling rules

Noun plurals

1. Nouns that end in -ss, -sh, -ch, -x and -o have suffix -es in plural form.
2. Nouns that end in a consonant +y change to suffix -ies in plural form.
3. Nouns that end in a vowel +y need suffix -s in plural form.

See this image below for examples of these rules:

Most words take -s in the plural for example: chefs, sweets, bags.
Words that END in these suffixes below change to -es, -ies or -s

1	- ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o	dress - dresses bush - bushes brush - brushes box - boxes fox - foxes	-es
2	a consonant + y	baby - babies lady - ladies party - parties	-ies
3	a vowel + y	day - days key - keys trolley - trolleys	-s

Verb suffixes for 3rd person singular present tense

1. 3rd person singular verbs (she, he, it, Sarah) that end in -ss, -sh, -ch, -x and -o have suffix -es.
2. 3rd person singular verbs that end in a consonant +y change to suffix -ies.
3. 3rd person singular verbs that end in a vowel +y need suffix -s.

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brush/wash es	If the verb ends with these letters/sounds sh,ch,ss,x,o add es to the end.
teach/watch es	
kiss es	
fix es	
do es	
buy/play s	If the verb ends with a vowel and y add s to the end.
stud ies /fly ies	If the verb ends with a consonant and y delete the y and add ies to the end.
ask/help/learn/live s	For most other regular verbs add s to the end.

Simple Present Tense Verbs for He/She/It and Singular Nouns

Spelling Rules	Examples
With most verbs, add s	live - live s sit - sit s stay - stay s
Ending in consonant + y change y to i and add es	try - try ies carry - carry ies
Ending in s, z, ch, or x add es	miss - miss es buzz - buzz es catch - catch es fix - fix es
Exceptions	go - go es do - do es

Present Simple Spelling Rules

Most verbs take -s in the third person singular. (He/ She/ It)

1	- ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o		 I miss- he misses I finish- he finishes I watch- he watches I mix- he mixes I go- he goes
2	a consonant + y		 I study - he studies I cry- he cries
3	a vowel + y		 I play- he plays

Questions

1. What suffix do nouns that end in -ss, -sh, -ch, -x and -o have in plural form? _____
2. What suffix do nouns that end in a vowel +y need in the plural form? _____
3. What suffix do 3rd person singular verbs that end in a consonant +y have? _____