

# Spelling Patterns and Generalizations

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## Quick Review

Many words follow PATTERNS. Examples: when a word ends in a consonant + y, change y → i before adding -es (baby → babies). Double the final consonant when adding -ing (run → running). Drop silent e before -ing (bake → baking).

## PRACTICE

Pick or write the correct spelling.

1. What is the plural of *baby*?
  - A. babys
  - B. babies
  - C. baby's
  - D. babyes
2. What is the -ing form of *run*?
  - A. runing
  - B. runing
  - C. running
  - D. ranning
3. What is the -ing form of *bake*?
  - A. bakeing
  - B. baking
  - C. bakking
  - D. bakeing
4. What is the plural of *candy*?
  - A. candys
  - B. candies
  - C. candy's
  - D. candyes



5. What is the -ed form of *hop*?
- A. hoped
  - B. hopped
  - C. hopd
  - D. hopppped
6. Which is correctly spelled?
- A. smileing
  - B. smiling
  - C. smilng
  - D. smileyng
7. Which is correctly spelled?
- A. happys
  - B. happies
  - C. happily
  - D. happyer
8. Add -ing to *swim*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Add -ed to *cry*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Which word follows the “drop silent e” rule when adding -ing?
- A. jump → jumping
  - B. ride → riding
  - C. run → running
  - D. play → playing
11. Which word follows the “double the consonant” rule when adding -ed?
- A. walk → walked
  - B. stop → stopped
  - C. play → played
  - D. bake → baked
12. Add -es to *fly* (turn into a plural-style verb): \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D
- 6  A  B  C  D

- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8
- 9
- 10  A  B  C  D
- 11  A  B  C  D
- 12

### Explanations

1. B	Consonant + y → change y to i, add -es.
2. C	Double the final consonant after a short vowel: running.
3. B	Drop the silent e before adding -ing.
4. B	Consonant + y → change y to i, add -es.
5. B	Double the consonant after a short vowel: hopped.
6. B	Drop the silent e before -ing.
7. C	Adverb form: happy → happily (change y to i, add ly).
8. <b>swimming</b>	Double the m before -ing.
9. <b>cried</b>	Consonant + y → change y to i, add -ed.
10. B	Ride ends in silent e → drop e, add -ing = riding. The others don't follow this rule.
11. B	Stop ends in a single consonant after a short vowel → double the p.
12. <b>flies</b>	Consonant + y → y to i, add -es.

