Open and Closed Syllables and Inflectional Endings

The vowel pattern in the final syllable determines the rule for adding inflectional endings.

**Final Syllable Vowel Pattern VCe**

Drop e

- *excuse* – e + ed or ing = excused, excusing
- *settle* – e + ed or ing = settled, settling

**Final Syllable Vowel Pattern VC**

Double the Final Consonant

- *submit* + t + ed or ing = submitted, submitting
- *patrol* + l + ed or ing = patrolled, patrolling

**Other Patterns: VCC, VVC, VV, Open Vowel**

No Change

- *prevent* + ed or ing = prevented, preventing
- *explain* + ed or ing = explained, explaining
- *borrow* + ed or ing = borrowed, borrowing
- *echo* + ed or ing = echoed, echoing