

Form tables

Table A Plural nouns

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
+ -s With most nouns we add -s to make them plural:	book apple photo	books apples photos
+ -es With nouns that end with -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x , we add -es :	bus dress box	buses dresses boxes
-f/-fe → -ves We change -f/-fe to -ves in the plural:	wolf life knife	wolves lives knives
y → -ies With nouns that end with a consonant* + -y , we change the -y to -ies :	family city country	families cities countries
Irregular nouns	man child foot	men children feet

Table B Present Simple

	I/you/we/they	He/she/it
+ -s After he/she/it , we add -s to most Present Simple verbs:	walk leave use	walks leaves uses
+ -es We add -es to verbs that end with -ss, -sh, -ch, -o (e.g. <i>finish, go</i>):	pass finish teach go do	passes finishes teaches goes does
y → -ies We change -y to -ies with verbs that end with a consonant* + -y :	cry try fly	cries tries flies

* Consonants: b c d f g h j k l m n p q r s t v w x y z

Vowels: a e i o u

Syllables: |hit|=1 syllable; |vi|sit|=2 syllables;

|re|mem|ber|=3 syllables

Table C -ing forms

	INFINITIVE	-ing FORM
+ -ing With most verbs we add -ing :	walk go	walking going
-e + -ing With verbs that end with a consonant* + -e , we delete the -e and add -ing :	come have take make	coming having taking making
ie → -ying With verbs that end with -ie , we change -ie to -ying :	lie die	lying dying
-t → -tting With verbs that end with one vowel* + one consonant (e.g. <i>sit</i> , <i>hit</i> , <i>shop</i>), we double the consonant:	get run shop	getting running shopping
+ -ing But note that we do not double the consonant, (1) when it is a y or w (e.g. <i>play</i>), (2) when the last syllable* is not stressed (e.g. <i>VISit</i> , <i>LISten</i>):	play snow remember visit listen	playing snowing remembering visiting listening

Table D Regular verbs: Past Simple and past participle

	INFINITIVE	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
+ -ed With most verbs we add -ed :	walk finish	walked finished	walked finished
+ -d With verbs ending with -e , we add -d :	live phone	lived phoned	lived phoned
y → -ied With verbs that end with a consonant* + -y , we change the y to -ied :	apply try	applied tried	applied tried
p → -pped With verbs that end with one vowel* + one consonant (e.g. <i>stop</i>), we double the consonant:	stop plan	stopped planned	stopped planned
+ -ed But note that we do not double the consonant (1) when it is a y or w (e.g. <i>stay</i>), (2) when the last syllable* is not stressed (e.g. <i>LISten</i> , <i>HAppen</i> , <i>Open</i>):	stay listen happen open visit	stayed listened happened opened visited	stayed listened happened opened visited

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Table F Comparative and superlative adjectives

	ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
+ -er/-est We add -er / -est to short adjectives (one-syllable* adjectives):	long tall young cheap	longer taller younger cheaper	the longest the tallest the youngest the cheapest
-g → -gger With short adjectives that end with one vowel* and one consonant* (e.g. <i>big</i>), we double the consonant:	big hot fat	bigger hotter fatter	the biggest the hottest the fattest
more/most We use more / the most before adjectives of two or more syllables*:	expensive famous	more expensive more famous	the most expensive the most famous
y → -ier/-iest But note that with adjectives ending with -y (e.g. <i>happy</i>), we change -y to -ier / -iest:	easy happy	easier happier	the easiest the happiest
Irregular adjectives	good bad	better worse	the best the worst

Table G Adverbs

	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
+ -ly With most adverbs, we add -ly to the adjective:	quick bad slow	quickly badly slowly
y → -ily With adjectives that end with -y, we change the y to i and add ly:	easy happy lucky	easily happily luckily
Irregular adverbs	good fast hard late	well fast hard late

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