

Reasoning Spelling Rules by Deduction

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Group A Words

- believe
- ceiling
- piece
- deceive
- siege

spelling rule: Write "i" before "e" except after "c." (exceptions: words with an "a" sound—like "neighbor" and "weigh")

Group C Words

- defiance
- compliance
- beautiful
- married
- happiness

spelling rule: Replace a final "y" that follows a consonant with an "i" when adding a suffix to a word. (exception: suffixes beginning with the letter "i")

Group E Words

- hoping
- guidance
- living
- traced
- rider

spelling rule: Drop the final, silent "e" before adding a suffix beginning with a vowel.

Group B Words

- dying
- lying
- tying

spelling rule: When adding the suffix "ing" to verbs ending in "ie," replace "ie" with "y."

Group D Words

- reinvent
- unnerved
- preempt
- reenter
- disappointed

spelling rule: When adding prefixes to words, keep the spelling of the root word unchanged.

Group F Words

- running
- hippest
- fibber
- begged
- snapping

spelling rule: Double the final consonant of a one-syllable word before adding a suffix beginning with a yowel.