

Words Ending in CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant):

Adding suffixes that begin with a vowel

For one-syllable words ending in CVC, double the final consonant (except never double w, x, or y), then add the suffix:

<u>Double</u> the final consonant, then add the suffix	<u>Just add</u> the suffix, don't double
run > running	know > knowing
sit > sitting	box > boxing
stop > stopping	play > playing

For words longer than one syllable (two syllables or more) ending in CVC, check which syllable is accented or emphasized. Only double the final consonant if the accent is on the final syllable, then add the suffix:

<u>Double</u> the final consonant, then add the suffix	<u>Just add</u> the suffix, don't double
be gin' > be gin' ning beginning	hap' pen > hap' pen ing happened, happening
re fer' > re fer' red, re fer' ring referred, referring	co' ver > co' ver ing covered, covering
oc cur' > oc cur' red, oc cur' ring occurred, occurring	listen > listened, listening
	offer > offered, offering
	open > opened, opening
	answer > answer, answering
	label > labeled, labeling (labelled, labelling is also correct)
	focus > focused, focusing (focussed, focussing is also correct)
	travel > traveled, traveling (travelled, travelling is also correct)

For those rare words ending in -ic or -ac,

<u>Add k</u> (in effect doubling the final c), then add the suffix, whether or not the emphasis is on the final syllable.		
shel lac' > shel lac' king shellacked, shellacking	pic' nic > pic' nic king picnicked, picknicking	pol' it ic > pol' it ic king politicked, politicking