

# 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**