

SPELLING RULES & ACADEMIC VOCABULARY LISTS

By the end of this lesson, students will:

- Apply spelling rules with affixes.
- Understand AWL (Academic Word List).
- Practice building word families.

SPELLING RULE 1: DROP “E”

make → *making*

use → *usable*

Exception: *courage* →
courageous

SPELLING RULE
2: CHANGE “Y”
TO “I”

happy →
happiness

easy → *easier*

SPELLING RULE 3: DOUBLE CONSONANTS

If stress is on last syllable.

- *prefer* → *preferred*
- *regret* → *regretting*

ACADEMIC WORD LIST (AWL)



570 words families
(Coxhead, 2000).



Found across academic texts.



Useful for IELTS Writing Task
2.

AWL EXAMPLES

Analyze

analyze →
analysis →
analytical

Develop

develop →
development →
developmental

Assess

assess →
assessment →
reassess

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY LIST (AVL)



Based on 120 million words
(Davies & Gardner, 2013).



More recent than AWL.



Covers many fields: science,
law, humanities.