

# Spelling lists – Stage 1

1. Spelling Rules: The /f/ sound spelled ff usually following a single vowel.
2. Spelling Rules: The /l/ sound spelled as 'll' and usually comes straight after a single vowel in short words.
3. Spelling Rules: The /s/ sound spelled /ss/ usually straight after a single vowel letter in short words.
4. Spelling Rules: The z sound spelled 'zz' usually comes straight after a single vowel in short words. There are exceptions which can be spelled with an 's'.
5. Spelling Rules: The /ck/ sound. This sound is usually spelled as ck and comes straight after a single vowel letter in short words.
6. Spelling Rules: The /nk/ sound found at the end of words. This sound usually comes after a vowel.
7. Spelling Rules: -tch This sound is usually spelled as 'tch' when it comes after a single vowel letter.
8. Spelling Rules: The /v/ sound at the end of words. English words hardly ever end with the letter v, so if a word ends with a /v/ sound, the letter e usually needs to be added after the v.
9. Spelling Rules: Adding s and es to words (plurals) If the ending sounds like /s/ or /z/, it is spelled as -s. If it forms an extra syllable, then it is spelled as -es.
10. Spelling Rules: Adding the endings -ing and -ed to verbs. If the verb ends in two consonant letters (the same or different), the ending is simply added on.
11. Spelling Rules: Adding -er and -est to adjectives.
12. Spelling Rules: The /ai/ and /oi/ digraphs. These digraphs are virtually never used at the end of words in English.
13. Spelling Rule: ay and oy digraphs. These digraphs are used for those sounds at the ends of words and syllables.
14. Spelling Rule: The long vowel sound /a/ spelled with the split digraph a-e
15. Spelling Rule: The long vowel sound /e/ spelled with the split digraph e-e.
16. Spelling Rule: The long vowel sound /i/ spelled with a split digraph i-e.
17. Spelling Rules: The long vowel sound /o/ spelled with the split digraph o\_e.
18. Spelling Rules: The long vowel /oo/ and /yoo/ sounds spelled as u-e. These sounds are usually found in the middle or at the end of words.
19. Spelling Rules: The /ar/ consonant digraph. This digraph may be used at the beginning, middle or end of words.
20. Spelling Rules: Long vowel sound /e/ spelled ee. The letters 'ee' make a long vowel sound like in the word see. This is a common way of spelling the sound and is found in the middle of words and sometimes at the end.
21. Spelling Rule. The long vowel sound /e/ spelled ea. Another common spelling of the sound which is often found in the middle and end of words.
22. Spelling Rules: The short vowel sound /e/ spelled ea.
23. Spelling Rules: The vowel digraph er. In these words the sound is stressed
24. Spelling Rules: The vowel digraph er. In these words the sound is unstressed and found at the end of words.
25. Spelling Rules: The digraphs ir and ur. Often found in the middle of words and occasionally at the beginning of words.
26. Spelling Rules: The long vowel sound /oo/ as in Zoo. Very few words start or end with /oo/
27. Spelling Rules: The short vowel sound 'oo' as in foot. \*Standard English pronunciation has been used here. In some parts of England the -ook words may have a longer sound.
28. Spelling Rules: The 'oa' digraph can come at the beginning or in the middle of words but very rarely at the end. The 'oe' digraph can be sometimes found at the end of words.
29. Spelling Rules: The 'ou' digraph. This digraph can be found at the beginning and in the middle of words. The only common English word ending in 'ou' is you.
30. Spelling Rules: The 'ow' digraph. This digraph can make two different sounds like in 'cow' or in 'blow.'
31. Spelling Rules: The 'oo' and 'yoo' sounds can be spelled as u-e, ue and ew. If words end in the /oo/ sound, then it is likely that they will be spelled ew or ue.
32. Spelling Rules: The digraph 'ie' making the /ai / sound as in pie.
33. Spelling Rules: The digraph 'ie' making the /ee/ sound.
34. Spelling Rules: The long vowel sound /i/ spelled 'igh.' This is usually found in the middle of words but sometimes at the end of words too.
35. Spelling Rules: The /or/ sound. The vowel digraph 'or' and trigraph 'ore.' It is more likely that when at the end of a word then it will be spelled with an 'e.'
36. Spelling Rules: The /or/ sound spelled with the digraph aw or au. If it is at the end of a word it is more likely to be spelled with an aw and at the beginning of a word with au.
37. Spelling Rules: The /er/ sound spelled 'air.' This spelling is commonly found in the middle or at the end of words but can sometimes used at the beginning of words too.
38. Spelling Rules: The trigraph 'ear' as in hear.
39. Spelling Rules: The /er/ sound spelled with 'ear' or 'are'
40. Spelling Rules: Words with 'ph' or 'wh' spellings