

Pattern

Year 1 Spelling Rules

The sounds /f/ /l/ /s/ /z/ and /k/ are usually spelt as **ff ll ss zz ck** if they come after a single vowel in short words.

Example words:

**fluff, bill, miss,
buzz, back**



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English words do not usually end with a 'v', so if there is a /v/ sound, we write it 've'.

Example words:

**have, live, give,
dove, above, love**



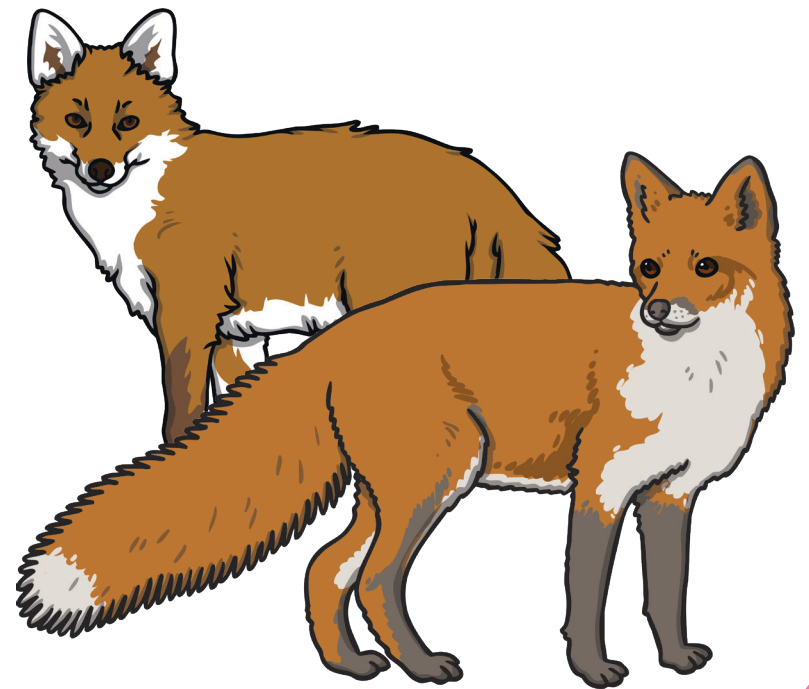
Suffixes

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If the endings sounds like /s/ or /z/, it is spelt with 's' on the end. If it forms an extra syllable in the word, it is spelt with 'es'.

Example words:

**socks, hats, kings,
washes, foxes, glasses**



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To make the past tense, check if the verb ends in two consonants (such as buzz, hunt, jump). If it does then just add **-ed** to the end. If the verb ends in two consonants, it is easy to just add **-ing** or **-er**.

Example words: **hunting, hunted, hunter, missing, missed, jumping, jumped, jumper**



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If an adjective ends in two consonants, just add the suffix.

Example words:

**fresher, freshest,
quicker, quickest**



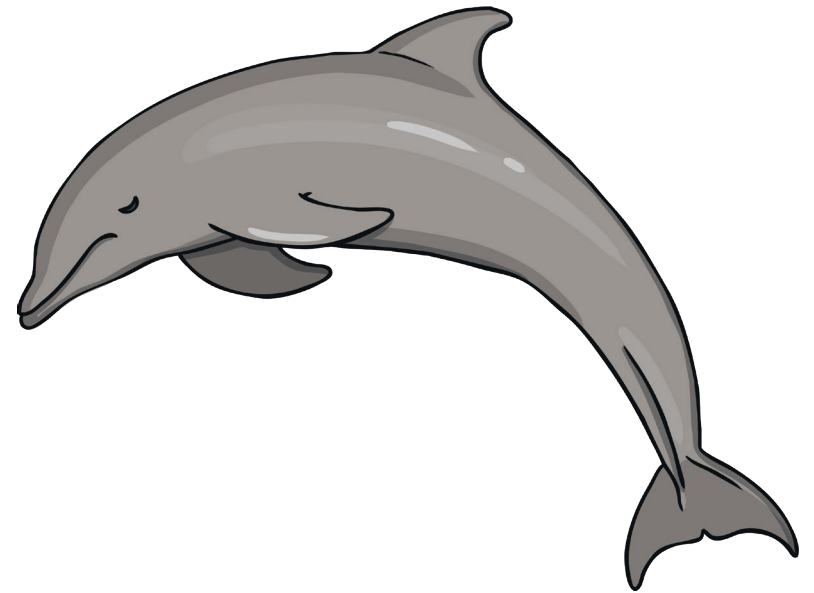
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If it is a short and everyday word, we use 'f' for the /f/ sound. For longer, technical words we usually use 'ph'.

Example words:

**fun, free, face,
dolphin, alphabet**



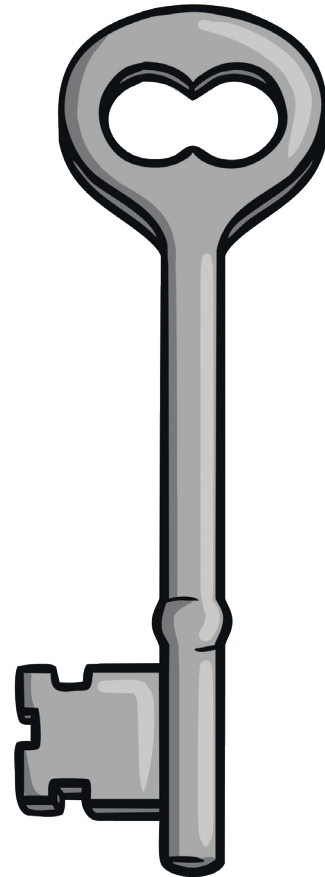
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We use a 'k' (and not a 'c') before **e**, **i** and **y**.

Example words:

key, skip, squeaky



Prefix

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We don't change the spelling of a word when adding the prefix **un-**. Adding **un-** changes the meaning to the opposite (or not something).

Example words:

unhappy (not happy), unequal (not equal), untrue (not true)



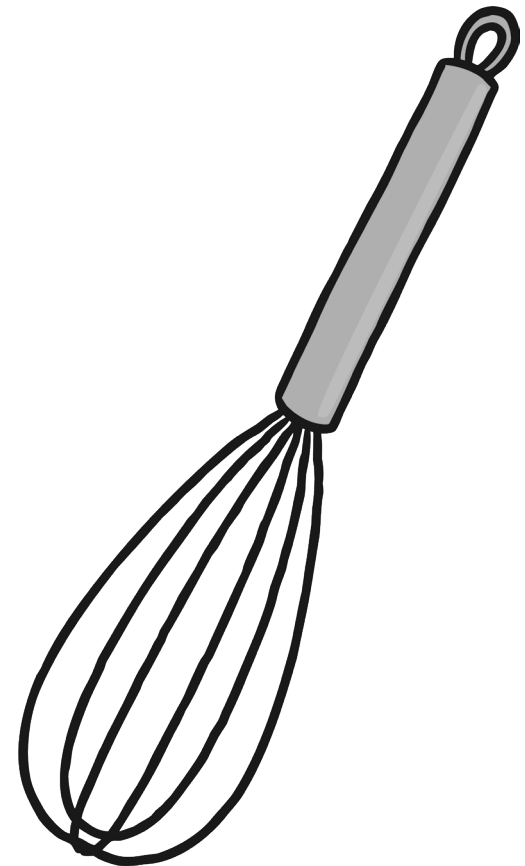
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Sometimes the /w/ sound is made with a **'wh'** instead of a 'w'.

Example words:

**whale, wheel,
whelk, whisk**



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If a word ends with an /i/ or /ee/ sound, we usually write a 'y'.

Example words:

**happy, silly, party,
family, funny, Billy**



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'**ai**' and '**oi**' go in the middle of words, and '**ay**' and '**oy**' go at the end.

Example words:

(Middle) rain, wait, paid,
laid, soil, coin, toil

(End) ray, way, pay, lay,
soy, coy, toy



Vocabulary

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Compound words are made up of two short words joined together.

Example words:

**football, playground,
farmyard, spotlight**



Common Exception Words

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These words are tricky and don't follow the rules!
Practise them until you know them all!

**the, a, to, do, today, of, said, says, are, were,
was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he,
me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there,
where, one, love, come, some, once, ask,
friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our**