

# SPELLING RULES POSTER SET

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**When to use... C**  
in the beginning or middle of a word or syllable  
use "c" as /k/ before consonants and vowels "a," "o," and "u"

cup      cat      crib  
clam      cat      come

**When to use... k**  
in the beginning or middle of a word or syllable  
use "k" as /k/ before vowels "e," "i," or "y" or in a VCe syllable

keep      kite      kiss  
make      kite      risky

**When to use... ai**  
use "ai" at the beginning or middle of a word  
rain      aid

**Floss Rule**  
Double "f," "i," "s," and "z" after a short vowel in a one-syllable word  
dress

**When to use... /z/**  
Common spelling of /z/ is "z" after a short vowel.  
nose      rose      buzz

**y as /i/**  
y makes the long /i/ sound at the end of a word that has two or more syllables.  
my      candy      symphony

**When to use... /s/**  
Use "s" after a short vowel when followed by a consonant.  
cider      milk      pluck



Includes fill-in-the-blank versions for students to complete

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## Color

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**Y as /ē/**  
The long /ē/ sound at the end of a word that has two or more syllables  
y as /ē/

**Floss Rule**  
double "f", "l", "s", and "z" after a short vowel in a one-syllable word  
floss

**When to use... ch**  
"ch" comes at the beginning or end of a word or syllable; if it's not at the beginning, "ch" comes directly after a consonant or vowel team  
cheese perch beach

**When to use... oi**  
use "oi" at the beginning or middle of a word or syllable  
oil moist

**s as /z/**  
"s" is the most common spelling of /z/  
3 parts of this rule:  
1. use it between two vowels: nose  
2. use at the end of short words: his was

**When to use... oy**  
use "oy" at the beginning or middle of a word or syllable  
boy

**When to use... ck**  
use "ck" at the end of a word or syllable  
back

**When to use... k**  
use "k" after a consonant, vowel team, or r-controlled syllable  
back park

**When to use... c**  
use "c" as /k/ before consonants and vowels "a," "o," and "u"  
cup clam cat come

**When to use... au**  
use "au" at the beginning or middle of a word  
author launch  
aunt pause August

**When to use... o**  
use "o" at the beginning or middle of a word or syllable  
author launch  
aunt pause August

**When to use... k**  
use "k" as /k/ before vowels "e," "i," or "y" or in a VCe syllable  
back

**When to use... ck**  
use "ck" at the end of a word; "ck" is more commonly used  
back

**When to use... oa**  
use "oa" at the beginning or middle of a word  
boat

**When to use... ou**  
use "ou" at the beginning or middle of a word or syllable  
couch found  
ouch sprout out

**When to use... ow**  
use "ow" at the end of a word or syllable or before final /l/ or /n/  
Joe owl

**When to use... ai**  
use "ai" at the beginning or middle of a word  
rain paint aid

**When to use... ge**  
use "ge" as /j/ after a long-vowel sound, r-controlled syllable, or consonant "l" or "n"  
hinge bulge  
charge cage siege

**When to use... dge**  
use "dge" as /j/ at the end of a word but only after a short vowel  
pledge lodge

**When to use... ay**  
use "ay" at the end of a word  
pledge lodge

**"g" as... /j/**  
"g" makes the /j/ sound when followed by "e," "i," or "y"  
gym ginger  
gem

**"c" as... /s/**  
"c" makes the /s/ sound when followed by "e," "i," or "y"  
cycle cider  
cent

**When to use... k**  
use "k" as /k/ after a consonant, vowel team, or r-controlled syllable  
cheek park  
milk

**When to use... ck**  
use "ck" at the end of a word; "ck" comes directly after a short vowel  
back

**When to use... ai**  
use "ai" at the beginning or middle of a word  
rain paint aid

**When to use... ay**  
use "ay" at the end of a word  
say clay

**When to use... ou**  
use "ou" at the beginning or middle of a word or syllable  
couch found  
ouch sprout out

**When to use... ow**  
use "ow" at the end of a word or syllable or before final /l/ or /n/  
owl growl



