

## Spelling Rules

- r. 2 c before e, i, or y says "s"
- r. 3 g before e, i, or y may say "j"
- r. 4 a, e, o and u at the end of a syllable, usually say their name
- r. 5 i and y may say ī (*si-lent, my*)
- r. 6 y not i at the end of a word
- r. 8 er, ir, ur, wor, ear – use sentence "Her first nurse works early."
- r. 9 1-1-1 one syllable, with one vowel, ending in one constant, double consonant before adding suffix that begins with a vowel (hop=hopped)
- r. 10 add another final consonant to 2 syllable words ending in one consonant and one vowel (be gin' + ning)
- r. 11 words ending in silent e are written w/o the e when adding an ending that begins with a vowel
- r. 12 after c use ei, if we say "ā" use ei
- r. 13 sh is used at the beginning or end of a base word but not in the middle, except for the suffix *-ship*
- r. 14 ti, si, ci used in the middle
- r. 15 si used when the syllable before ends in s
- r. 16 si may say zh (*vi sion*)
- r. 17 "floss" rule: double f, l and s following a single vowel at the end of a one syllable word
- r. 18 use ay at the end of a base word, never "a" alone
- r. 19 i and o may say "ī" and "ō" followed by 2 consonants (find, old)
- r. 20 s never follows x
- r. 21 "all" alone has two l's but with another syllable has one
- r. 22 till and full alone have 2 l's but with another syllable have 1
- r. 23 dge may only be used after a single vowel that says its first sound (badge, bridge, budge)
- r. 24 change y to i and add suffix
- r. 25 ck used only after single vowel saying its first sound (back, neck, lick, rock, duck)
- r. 26 capitalize proper nouns
- r. 27 beginning sound z always spelled with z  
never s
- r. 28 words ending in d or t make -ed say "ĕd"; words ending in unvoiced consonant make -ed say "t"; all other words ending in -ed say "d"
- r. 29 words are usually divided between double consonants within a base word (lit'tle); for spelling say lit'tle, for reading say lit'le

### r. 7 Jobs of Silent e

- Job 1- e lets the vowel say its name
- Job 2- English words do not end in v or u
- Job 3- e lets c say "s" and g say "j"
- Job 4- every syllable must have a vowel
- Job 5- no job e

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