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| Important points to remember about the alphabet:  **The Alphabet**  There are 26 letters in the alphabet.  There are 5 **vowels.**  **a e i o u**  There are 21 **consonants.**  b c d f g h j k l m n p q r s t v w x y z | **The vowels**    **Short vowels**  Sometimes the vowels are short:  **a**pple **e**gg **i**gloo **o**range **u**mbr**e**ll**a**  c**a**t p**e**g b**i**g d**o**g m**u**g  They have a cradle (breve) over them e.g. h**ŭ**t  **The Long vowels**  Sometimes the vowels are long:  acorn equal iron open uniform  Long vowels have a long line (macron) over them e.g.( **ī )** |
| **The letter I**  Any time the letter **I** stands alone, it is a word and must be written with a capital letter. | Common spelling choices for the sound /k/ at the start of a word  C (curly) before a o u  cat cot cup  k (kicking) before i e  kick kettle |
| **Common spellings for /*k/* at the end of a word**  k after a consonant  **think thank drink**  c after more than one syllable  **plastic** **fantastic**  ck after a vowel in a single syllable  word  **tick pick** | **Soft C**  **C** **has an /s/ sound when the next letter is:**  **e i y**  **Soft at the start** of words e.g. **c**ity, **c**ycle(not many words start with c)  **Soft in the middle** of words e.g. pen**c**il, re**c**ent  (**ce** and **ce** are more common in the middle of words than se and si)**Soft at the end** of words e.g. pen**ce**, spa**ce**(an /**s**/sound at the end is more likely to be **ce** than **se**) |
| Spelling Final (k) **ck**  Use **ck** at the end of one syllable words immediately after a short vowel. bă**ck**  **pĕck**  Use **ke** at the end of one syllable words immediately after a long vowel Bāke līke  Use **k** after a consonant bank desk milk  Use **k** after a vowel digraph book soak | Spelling **ay, ai, a, a-e (A)**   1. Use a at the beginning of an open syllable.eg acorn bacon relation 2. Use a-e in one syllable words which end in a consonant sound. gate made sale came safe 3. Use ay at the end of words day play dismay relay 4. Use **ai** mainly in the middle of words p**ai**n, st**ai**n, br**ai**n   Exceptions **ai**m |
| Bossy e  C:\Users\sladegla\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\UKPUBFAS\MC900296211[1].wmfBossy e or magic e changes a short vowel sound to its letter name    cap  cape | Spelling **ie igh**  Choose **ie** after one consonant  e.g. die, lie, pie, tie,    Choose **igh** in the middle of a word  e.g. light sight bright tight night |
| **Spellings of /** ē **/**   1. Use **ee** in the middle of one-syllable words:   e.g. **feet deed greed queen**   1. Use **ee** at the end of words:    1. **tree free degree committee**   **ea** is the second choice for / ē / in the middle of words:  meat, meet bean, been seam, seem  Most words connected to **eating** spell the **/** ē **/** sound with **ea:**  **eat meal tea meat feast pea cream bean** | **The ends of words**   * the consonants f, l, s, z are doubled if they are at the **end** of a word   huff full fuss buzz  cuff pull mess jazz |
| **The letter y**  The letter **y** may be either a vowel or a consonant depending upon its position in a word.  **y** only **acts as a consonant** when it is the first letter in a word e.g. yes, yet, you, yellow /**y**/  When **y** is an is **anywhere else in a word** it is a vowel and takes the sound of an **i** ( **ĭ** ) gym  Or an **I** ( ī ) my sky try tyre  NB. We often give **y** the sound (ĕ) e.g. mummy  Remember e is always silent at the end of words. If you hear the (ĕ) sound at the end of a word, use y e.g. store but story | **Final y**  English words do not end in the letter **i**  In a **one syllable** word with the  sound ( **ī** ) at the end **choose** **y** after two consonants  e.g. **cry, dry, fly, pry, sky, shy, why** |
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