

Level 3 Spelling Rules Only

Reminders for Tutors

Floss: if a word has only 1 vowel, and ends with F, L, S, or Z, double it.

Kiss the Cat: spell /k/ with a C whenever you can.

Milk Truck: the *only* time you use C-K is right after a short vowel.

Catch Lunch: the *only* time you use T-C-H is right after a short vowel.

Units: 3 letters at the end that make an unusual sound.

Contractions:

- Change the *second* word
- Leave out the *first* vowel and anything in front of it
- Put in an apostrophe or “flying comma”
- Squish

Level 4 Spelling Rules Only

Reminders for Tutors

Cry Baby: American words can't end in an I.

Music Trick: /ick/ at the end of a *multi*-syllable word is always I-C.

Picnic Chicken Basket: use this sequence; stop at the first one that works

1. C - spell /k/ with a C whenever you can
2. CK - the *only* time you use C-K is right after a short vowel
3. K

Happy: short vowels must be closed

If you can't hear anything closing it off,
double the next sound you *can* hear.

Almost All: all only needs 2 L's when it's at the end

Campus Confess: if the *last* syllable *lasts* the longest, double the S

Schwa: on the syllable that is *not* accented (usually the last)

- ♦ Closed A's or O's
- ♦ Any Vowel-L
- ♦ Banana: Open A's

Confident: Open I's or E's in the *middle* make their short sound