

# Common Spellings of the consonants

<p><b>'s'</b></p> <p>s sun ss class c cell ce choice se house ce scent</p>	<p><b>'sh'</b></p> <p>sh ship ch machine</p>	<p><b>'l'</b></p> <p>l leg ll bill le little el panel al final il pupil</p>	<p><b>'r'</b></p> <p>r rip wr write rr carry rh rhino</p>
<p><b>'z'</b></p> <p>z zoo ze seize zz fizz s is se please ss scissors</p>	<p><b>'g'</b></p> <p>g got gg toggle gh ghost</p>	<p><b>'w'</b></p> <p>w wig wh when</p>	<p><b>'h'</b></p> <p>h hop wh who</p>
<p><b>'p'</b></p> <p>p tip pp poppy</p>	<p><b>'j'</b></p> <p>j jet g gym ge barge dge judge</p>	<p><b>'ng'</b></p> <p>ng sing n sink</p>	<p><b>'f'</b></p> <p>f fig ff cliff ph photo gh tough</p>
<p><b>'d'</b></p> <p>d dog dd ladder ed giggled</p>	<p><b>'m'</b></p> <p>m mat mm slimmer mb climb mn column</p>	<p><b>'n'</b></p> <p>n no nn dinner kn knee gn gnaw ne imagine</p>	<p><b>'k'</b></p> <p>c cat k kit ck luck ch choir cc occur</p>
<p><b>'b'</b></p> <p>b bed bb rubber</p>	<p><b>'v'</b></p> <p>v vest ve give</p>	<p><b>'t'</b></p> <p>t ten tt better bt debt</p>	<p><b>'y'</b></p> <p>y yet</p>
<p><b>'th'</b></p> <p>th them</p>	<p><b>'th'</b></p> <p>th thin</p>	<p><b>'zh'</b></p> <p>s treasure z azure</p>	<p><b>'ks' or 'gz'</b> (two sounds)</p> <p>box exam</p>
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If you want to know more about the spelling of the English language the Sounds~Write team have also written a reference book for schools called **A Lexicon of English Spellings**. This contains comprehensive lists for ALL the English spellings as well as a theoretical overview of the English alphabet code. This book is a totally free resource and may be viewed or downloaded from

[www.sounds-write.co.uk/lexicon.asp](http://www.sounds-write.co.uk/lexicon.asp)

# Common Spellings of the vowels

'e'  
e get  
ea bread  
ai said  
ie friend

a 'a'  
cat

o 'o'  
dot  
a wand

i 'i'  
pin  
y myth

u 'u'  
but  
ou trouble  
o son

'ee'  
ee tree  
e me  
ea seat  
ie thief  
ey key  
y sunny  
e-e eve  
ei receive  
i ski

a-e 'ae'  
a gate  
ai paper  
ay train  
ea say  
ei break  
ey vein  
ey they  
algh straight  
eigh eight

o-e 'oe'  
o note  
oa so  
oe soap  
ow toe  
ou grow  
ou soul  
ough though

i-e 'ie'  
i bite  
ie child  
y tie  
y fly  
igh sight

'ue'  
u-e tune  
u pupil  
ue cue  
ew few

oy 'oy'  
toy  
oi boil

ar 'ar'  
a farm  
a father  
al walk

oo 'oo'  
oo moon  
ou group  
ue true  
ui fruit  
o do  
u super  
oe shoe  
ough through

ow 'ow'  
ow now  
ou out  
ough bough

'oo'  
oo book  
oul could  
u put

'er'  
er fern  
ir stir  
ur burn  
or work  
ar collar  
ear learn

a 'or'  
a water  
au fraud  
aw draw  
al talk  
ar war  
augh daughter  
or  
ore  
oar  
our  
oor  
ough  
for  
more  
soar  
pour  
door  
fought

schwas  
the about ended but<sup>ton</sup> cur<sup>tain</sup> jok<sup>er</sup> pir<sup>ate</sup> col<sup>our</sup> coll<sup>ar</sup>