

# 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'  
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

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

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

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

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

'oy'  
oy toy  
oi boil

'ar'  
ar farm  
a father  
al walk

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

'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

'or'  
a water  
au fraud  
aw draw  
al talk  
ar war  
augh daughter  
or ore  
ore more  
oar oar  
our our  
oor oor  
ough 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>