

### (1) -tch Words

When you hear “ch” at the end of a word right after a short vowel sound, it is usually spelled “tch”.

Watch out for the exceptions: **attach, much, rich, such** and **which**.

1. catch
2. itch
3. fetch
4. match
5. pitch
6. scratch
7. switch
8. watch
9. witch
10. sketch
11. **attach**
12. **much**
13. **rich**
14. **such**
15. **which**

### (2) 2-Letter Words

Words with 2 letters, most are easy, you will find these useful, oh, and one word with 3.

1. am
2. an
3. as
4. at
5. go
6. hi
7. if
8. in
9. is
10. it
11. me
12. my
13. no
14. oh
15. on
16. or
17. so
18. up
19. we
20. of
21. off

### (3) -ar- Words

Like a pirate, A-R says arrrrr! (Except some people say warm like the -or- sound – don’t let it fool you!)

1. car
2. park
3. hard
4. barn
5. far
6. arm
7. mark
8. cart
9. arch
10. jar
11. dark
12. March
13. smart
14. start
15. warm

### (4) -aw- Words

Aw! what cute words! The “aw” sound is often spelled A-U, but English words don’t end in U, so words ending in the “aw” sound are spelled with a W.

Sometimes “aw” is used in the middle of words, too. Here are some that may be useful to you.

1. saw
2. paw
3. law
4. yawn
5. raw
6. awe
7. jaw
8. caw
9. lawn
10. dawn
11. draw
12. claw
13. crawl
14. drawer
15. spawn

### (5) ai/ay

When “ai” says “a” as in *chain* and *train*, it comes in the middle as in *claim* and *pain*, but when “ay” says “a” as in *jay* and *day*, it comes at the end, as in *play* and *away*. Don’t let the suffixes fool you as in *decayed* – the root never changes, see *playful* and *played*.

1. mail
2. day
3. wait
4. way
5. raisin
6. play
7. chain
8. say
9. aim
10. away
11. paint
12. railway
13. chair
14. always
15. played

### (6) -ing Words

The “ing” sound is spelled I-N-G. Come on and spell some “ing” words with me.

When you add “ing” to the end of a verb with a final “e”, you must drop the “e” before you add the “ing”.

1. swing
2. rings
3. king
4. things
5. bring
6. bingo
7. anything
8. fling
9. dinghy
10. singing
11. baking
12. adding
13. coming
14. trying
15. icing

### (7) -th- Words

The “th” can make two different sounds: “th” as in *thumb* and “th” as in *the*.

Both are spelled the same.

1. bath
2. moth
3. with
4. path
5. that
6. math
7. then
8. myth
9. thud
10. teeth
11. thank
12. north
13. cloth
14. tooth
15. both

### (8) -igh- Words

There are just 18 common base words that spell the long “i” sound with “igh”.

Remember these 16 and you will know the most useful ones.

1. flight
2. knight
3. right
4. slight
5. bright
6. fright
7. light
8. night
9. sigh
10. tight
11. fight
12. high
13. height
14. might
15. sight
16. thigh

**(9) Bossy “r” – ER words**

Bossy “r” is bossy but polite, it lets the vowel go first, but it does not let it say its own name.

1. her
2. ever
3. over
4. after
5. cover
6. answer
7. player
8. mother
9. father
10. brother
11. sister
12. waiter
13. herd
14. jerk
15. germ

**(10) -wh- Words**

The “w” sound at the beginning of words is sometimes spelled with a W-H. This includes most of the words you use to make questions.

Don’t get confused with the homonyms:

**where** and **wear**,  
**which** and **witch**,  
**whole** and **hole**.

1. who
2. what
3. where
4. when
5. why
6. which
7. wear
8. witch
9. whole
10. hole
11. whale
12. wheel
13. whisper
14. white
15. whistle

**(11) -ck Words**

When you hear the “k” sound at the end of a word and it comes after a single short vowel sound, it is spelled C-K.

1. back
2. black
3. block
4. check
5. duck
6. flick
7. clock
8. knock
9. luck
10. neck
11. pack
12. quack
13. rock
14. sick
15. truck

**(12) plural -y Words**

To make a plural of a word ending in

**consonant + y,**

you change the ‘y’ to an ‘i’ and add ‘es’.

To make a plural of a word ending in

**vowel + y,**

you just add an ‘s’.

1. baby
2. babies
3. candy
4. candies
5. party
6. parties
7. spy
8. spies
9. day
10. days
11. key
12. keys
13. boy
14. boys
15. way
16. ways

(13) Add suffix -ed and -ing (vowel + 1 consonant)	(14) Add suffix -ed and -ing (vowel + 2 consonants)	(15) Bossy "r" – UR words	(16) Bossy "r" – IR words
<p>When we add the suffixes -ed or -ing to a verb (action word) with a <b>short vowel</b> and <b>1 consonant</b>, here is the rule:</p> <p>"short vowel + 1 consonant = double the consonant at the end (it needs a friend)".</p> <p>beg begged begging</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. drop</li> <li>2. dropped</li> <li>3. dropping</li> <li>4. grin</li> <li>5. grinned</li> <li>6. grinning</li> <li>7. hop</li> <li>8. hopped</li> <li>9. hopping</li> <li>10. pat</li> <li>11. patted</li> <li>12. patting</li> <li>13. stop</li> <li>14. stopped</li> <li>15. stopping</li> </ol>	<p>When we add the suffixes -ed or -ing to a verb (action word) with a <b>short vowel</b> and <b>2 or more consonants</b>, here is the rule:</p> <p>"short vowel + 2 or more consonants = <b>do not</b> double the consonant at the end (it <b>has</b> a friend)".</p> <p>help helped helping</p> <p><b>The exception:</b></p> <p><b>X</b> sounds like two consonants, (k+s) so it is its own friend and <b>does not need to be doubled.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. end</li> <li>2. ended</li> <li>3. ending</li> <li>4. jump</li> <li>5. jumped</li> <li>6. jumping</li> <li>7. rest</li> <li>8. rested</li> <li>9. resting</li> <li>10. wish</li> <li>11. wished</li> <li>12. wishing</li> <li>13. <b>mix</b></li> <li>14. <b>mixed</b></li> <li>15. <b>mixing</b></li> </ol>	<p>Bossy "r" is bossy but polite, it lets the vowel go first, but it does not let it say its own name.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. burger</li> <li>2. burn</li> <li>3. church</li> <li>4. curl</li> <li>5. curve</li> <li>6. fur</li> <li>7. hurray</li> <li>8. hurry</li> <li>9. hurt</li> <li>10. nurse</li> <li>11. purple</li> <li>12. purse</li> <li>13. surf</li> <li>14. turn</li> <li>15. turtle</li> </ol>	<p>Bossy "r" is bossy but polite, it lets the vowel go first, but it does not let it say its own name.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. bird</li> <li>2. birthday</li> <li>3. chirp</li> <li>4. dirty</li> <li>5. first</li> <li>6. girl</li> <li>7. shirt</li> <li>8. skirt</li> <li>9. squirrel</li> <li>10. squirt</li> <li>11. stir</li> <li>12. third</li> <li>13. thirsty</li> <li>14. thirty</li> <li>15. twirl</li> </ol>