

Rule 1:

q is always followed by u.

Ex. queen

Rule 2:

c before e, i, or y says “s”

Ex. cent, city, cycle

Rule 3:

g before e, i, or y says “j”

Ex. gem, giant, gym

Rule 4:

a, e, o, and u usually say their
names (second sound) at the end
of a syllable

Rule 5:

i and y sometimes say

“igh”

sī lent r.5 mȳ r.5

Rule 6:

y, not i, is used at the end
of English words

Ex. fun ny r.6

Rule 7:

There are 5 kinds of silent final e.

1. time- e jumps over may to make i say “igh”
2. blue, have- English words don't end in u or
v
3. change, chance- e lets g say “j” and c say
“s”
4. lit tle- every syllable needs a vowel
5. are- no job e (the e is present for no reason)

Rule 8:

There are 5 spellings for “er”

her first nurse works early

Mark rule 8 for: “or” may say “er” when it follows w.

Rule 9:

The “1-1-1” rule- words with 1 syllable and 1 vowel followed by one consonant must double the last letter before adding an ending that begins with a vowel.

Ex. hop + ing = hopping

writ + ten = written

Rule 10:

The “2-1-1” rule- words with 2 syllables where the accent is on the 2nd syllable and has 1 vowel followed by 1 consonant must double the last letter before adding an ending that begins with a vowel be gin’ +

ing= be gin ning

Rule 11:

Drop the silent final e
before adding an ending
that begins with a vowel

Rule 12:

i before e except after c or when
saying “ay”

field r.12 re ceive r.12

veil r.12

Rule 13:

sh is used at the beginning or end of a word
or at the end of a syllable
(except for the ending -ship)

shed r. 13

wish r.13

worship r. 13

Rule 14:

ti, si, and ci say “sh” at the
beginning of a second or
subsequent syllable

na tion r.14 mis sion r.14

fa cial r.14

Rule 15:

si says “sh” when the syllables
before it end in s, or when a base
words has an s and changes

ses sion r.15

Rule 16:

si may say “zh”

Ex. vi sion r.16

Rule 17:

double l, f, and s when following
a single vowel at the end of a 1
syllable word

hill r.17 off r.17 miss r.17

Rule 18:

use ay to say “ay” at the
end of a word

Ex. play r.18

Rule 19:

i and o say “igh” and “oh” when
followed by 2 consonants

find r.19 most r.19

Rule 20:

s never follows X

ex it r.20

Rule 21:

drop an l in “all” when written
with another syllable

al most r.21 al ways r.21

Rule 22:

drop an l in “till” and “full” when
written with another syllable

un til r.22

aw ful r.22

Rule 23:

dge is only used after a single

vowel

badge r.23 ledge.23 midge

r.23 lodge.23 fudge r.23

Rule 24:

change y to i before adding an
ending (except -ing)

baby= ba bies r.24

fly= flies r.24

Rule 25:

ck is only used after a

single vowel

back r.25

neck r.25

pick r.25

lock r.25

duck r.25

Rule 26:

capitalize all proper nouns

Ex. April r.26

Rule 27:

words beginning with the sound

“z” are written with z, not s

Ex. zoo r.27

Rule 28:

“ed” has 3 sounds and is used to form the past tense of verbs

part ed r.28 loved ed r.28

jumped r. 28

Rule 29:

divide words into syllables
between double
consonants

lit tle r.29 al low r.29