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### List 1

#### **Closed syllables w/blends and clusters**

1. Each syllable contains one vowel.
2. The vowel is closed in at the end by a consonant.
3. The vowel is short.
4. Blends or clusters are made by two or more letters that represent two or more sounds.

#### **Pattern Word**

1. blanket
2. plastic
3. grand
4. cracker
5. trunk
6. shrink
7. brush
8. clam
9. splash
10. scrub

#### **High Use Words**

11. feet
12. land
13. side
14. kind
15. began

#### **Content Words**

16. login
17. menu
18. monitor
19. keyboard
20. enter

### List 2

#### **Closed syllables w/digraphs**

1. Each syllable contains one vowel.
2. The vowel is closed in at the end by a consonant.
3. The vowel is short.
4. Digraphs are single consonant sounds represented by two letters.

#### **Pattern Word**

1. knot
2. think
3. thumb
4. blimp
5. pinch
6. which
7. children
8. whip
9. bring
10. check

#### **High Use Words**

11. without
12. boy
13. once
14. almost
15. however

#### **Content Words**

16. computer
17. keys
18. printer
19. reboot
20. mouse

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### List 3

#### Double Final Consonants

1. Double the final letter in one syllable, short vowel words that end in f, l, s, or z..

#### Pattern Word

1. cliff
2. bluff
3. spell
4. thrill
5. skill
6. bliss
7. glass
8. floss
9. dress
10. buzz

#### High Use Words

11. animals
12. life
13. took
14. sure
15. knew

#### Content Words

16. return
17. space
18. backspace
19. modem
20. Internet

### List 4

#### -ch Endings

1. Words that end in ch are usually spelled with a -t before the -ch when it comes after a short vowel.
2. Keep the -ch after long vowels and vowel combinations.
3. Exception: When a short vowel is followed by an -n, end the word with -ch.

#### Pattern Word

1. branch
2. crunch
3. ranch
4. watch
5. ditch
6. scratch
7. patch
8. sketch
9. stitch
10. switch

#### High Use Words

11. such
12. much
13. enough
14. top
15. turned

#### Content Words

16. port
17. drive
18. download
19. desktop
20. delete

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### List 5

#### Vowel-Consonant-e

1. When a word or the final syllable of a word ends in the vowel-consonant-e pattern, the first vowel is usually long and the -e is silent.

**Suffix: -ing** (double Pattern Word le the final consonant)

1. A **root word** (base word) is a word without a prefix or suffix.
2. A **suffix** is a group of letters added at the end of a word to change its meaning.
3. Double the final consonant before adding the suffix if the root word has one short vowel sound and one final consonant.

#### Pattern Word

1. trace
2. shade
3. flake
4. twice
5. cube
6. grabbing
7. bragging
8. chopping
9. whipping
10. quitting

#### High Use Words

11. four
12. head
13. above
14. learn
15. our

#### Content Words

16. data
17. cursor
18. cable
19. hardware
20. virus

### List 6

#### Mixed List

This spelling list combines words from the last five lists and their rules.

#### Pattern Word

1. blanket
2. grand
3. think
4. children
5. thrill
6. bliss
7. crunch
8. watch
9. twice
10. chopping

#### High Use Words

11. kind
12. almost
13. animals
14. much
15. above

#### Content Words

16. keyboard
17. mouse
18. backspace
19. download
20. data

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### List 7

#### **Suffix: -ing** (no doubling)

1. A **root word** (base word) is a word without a prefix or suffix.
2. A **suffix** is a group of letters added at the end of a word to change its meaning.
3. If there are two or more consonants at the end of the root word and the suffix begins with a vowel the final letter is usually not doubled.

#### **Pattern Word**

1. picking
2. bending
3. bringing
4. smelling
5. spending
6. cracking
7. stinging
8. stitching
9. pinching
10. swinging

#### **High Use Words**

11. live
12. page
13. later
14. world
15. found

#### **Content Words**

16. shelter
17. heat
18. Earth
19. boulder
20. liquid

### List 8

#### **/a/ spelled ai, ay, or eigh**

1. The vowel ai comes at the beginning or middle of words.
2. The vowel pair -ay comes at the end of words.
3. The chunk -eigh says /a/.

#### **Pattern Word**

1. clay
2. spray
3. relay
4. brain
5. grain
6. remain
7. sleigh
8. weight
9. neighbor
10. freight

#### **High Use Words**

11. need
12. hand
13. high
14. different
15. again

#### **Content Words**

16. mineral
17. pebble
18. characteristics
19. chart
20. soil

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### List 9

**Pattern: - ang, -ing, -ong, -ung** (short vowel)

1. The vowel sound in these words is short.
2. The letter combination of “ng” makes a special sound that is not exactly the same as the sound of the two letters alone. The “ng” is called a digraph.

#### Pattern Word

1. gang
2. rang
3. fling
4. sting
5. string
6. long
7. song
8. hung
9. stung
10. sprung

#### High Use Words

11. year
12. myself
13. light
14. went
15. large

#### Content Words

16. habitat
17. dissolving
18. freezing
19. energy
20. ruler

### List 10

**Pattern: -ank, -ink, -onk, -unk**

1. The vowel sound in these words is short.
2. The letter combination of “nk” makes a special sound that is not exactly the same as the sound of the two letters alone. The “nk” is called a digraph.

#### Pattern Word

1. sank
2. blank
3. thank
4. blink
5. drink
6. stink
7. honk
8. junk
9. shrunk
10. skunk

#### High Use Words

11. country
12. father
13. because
14. another
15. should

#### Content Words

16. burning
17. reasoning
18. water
19. features
20. growth

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### List 11

**Compound Words** are two or more words joined together with a single meaning.

**Contractions** are words formed from two or more words by omitting or combining some sounds.

#### Pattern Word

1. everything
2. backyard
3. moonlight
4. somewhere
5. flashlight
6. doesn't
7. isn't
8. haven't
9. they're
10. you're

#### High Use Words

11. picture
12. being
13. study
14. mother
15. still

#### Content Words

16. air
17. scientist
18. sand
19. properties
20. motion

### List 12

#### Mixed List

This spelling list combines words from the last five lists and their rules.

#### Pattern Word

1. picking
2. bringing
3. brain
4. neighbor
5. rang
6. song
7. thank
8. drink
9. everything
10. you're

#### High Use Words

11. world
12. different
13. myself
14. because
15. being

#### Content Words

16. shelter
17. soil
18. energy
19. features
20. scientist

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### List 13

#### **Suffix: - ed**

1. When there are two consonants at the end of a root word, the final consonant is usually not doubled.
2. The letters –ed make 3 sounds:  
/t/, /d/, /ed/,
3. R-controlled vowels sound different than short vowels (-or, ur).

#### **Pattern Word**

1. munched
2. crashed
3. shocked
4. dashed
5. twisted
6. storm
7. forget
8. morning
9. burn
10. slurp

#### **High Use Words**

11. really
12. soon
13. story
14. mountain
15. second

#### **Content Words**

16. climate
17. coast
18. forest
19. rural
20. town

### List 14

A **diphthong** is a pair of vowels that make a special sound – **oi**, **oy**.

1. -Oi is found at the beginning or middle of a word.
2. -Oy is found at the end of a word or syllable.

#### **Pattern Word**

1. boil
2. moist
3. void
4. poison
5. voice
6. joy
7. destroy
8. annoy
9. loyal
10. royal

#### **High Use Words**

11. white
12. ever
13. something
14. along
15. idea

#### **Content Words**

16. world
17. creek
18. desert
19. highway
20. urban

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### List 15

A **diphthong** is a pair of vowels that make a special sound – **ou, ow**.

1. –Ou can start or come in the middle of a word.
2. –Ow comes at the end of a word or in the middle of the word when it is followed by n, l, or er.

#### Pattern Word

1. ouch
2. proud
3. scout
4. plow
5. powder
6. clown
7. growl
8. allow
9. shower
10. owl

#### High Use Words

11. paper
12. hard
13. near
14. music
15. family

#### Content Words

16. lake
17. country
18. elevation
19. Stream
20. village

### List 16

A **diphthong** is a pair of vowels that make a special sound –**au, aw** and pattern **augh**.

1. -Au can start or come in the middle of a word.
2. -Aw comes at the end of a word or in the middle when it is followed by n or l.
3. When –gh follows au, the –gh is silent.

#### Pattern Word

1. fault
2. cause
3. autumn
4. sauce
5. launch
6. claw
7. straw
8. crawl
9. daughter
10. naughty

#### High Use Words

11. sentence
12. journal
13. weather
14. important
15. between

#### Content Words

16. Connecticut
17. land
18. map
19. ocean
20. population



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### List 17

A **diphthong** is a pair of vowels that make a special sound - **-oo**, **-ue**, and **-ew**.

1. All of these diphthongs say /oo/ as in boo.
2. Oo also says /oo/ as in book.

#### Pattern Word

1. smooth
2. choose
3. balloon
4. clue
5. value
6. threw
7. view
8. shook
9. stood
10. brook

#### High Use Words

11. across
12. during
13. today
14. together
15. sometimes

#### Content Words

16. neighborhood
17. place
18. location
19. region
20. river

### List 18

#### Mixed List

This spelling list combines words from the last five lists and their rules.

#### Pattern Word

1. munched
2. shocked
3. voice
4. loyal
5. proud
6. allow
7. crawl
8. cause
9. choose
10. value

#### High Use Words

11. really
12. something
13. family
14. important
15. together

#### Content Words

16. coast
17. world
18. country
19. Connecticut
20. location

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### List 19

**R- controlled vowels: ir (says er) and –ar.**

1. Vowels that come before the letter r in a syllable often have their sound “controlled” or muted by the “r” sound.
2. The “ar” pattern often sounds like the name of the letter “r”.

#### Pattern Word

1. circle
2. chirp
3. third
4. dirty
5. skirt
6. spark
7. chart
8. start
9. march
10. scarf

#### High Use Words

11. try
12. told
13. young
14. listen
15. morning

#### Content Word

16. vote
17. truth
18. citizen
19. duty
20. Education

### List 20

**R- controlled vowels: -er**

1. Vowels that come before the letter r in a syllable often have their sound “controlled” or muted by the “r” sound

**Long 3 spelled ee**

1. The vowel pair – ee can be found in the middle or the end of words.
2. The first vowel says its long sound and the second vowel in the pair is silent.

#### Pattern Word

1. perch
2. serve
3. fern
4. amber
5. silver
6. knee
7. wheel
8. sweep
9. speed
10. agree

#### High Use Words

11. sun
12. wear
13. whole
14. products
15. happened

#### Content Words

16. honesty
17. power
18. rights
19. symbol
20. order

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## List 21

### Homophones

1. A **homophone** is a word which is pronounced identically to another word, but is spelled differently and has a different meaning.

### Pattern Word

1. here
2. hear
3. wood
4. would
5. root
6. route
7. close
8. clothes
9. some
10. sum

### High Use Words

11. new
12. heard
13. example
14. complete
15. since

### Content Word

16. anthem
17. leader
18. justice
19. privacy
20. control

## List 22

### /j/ sound spelled –dge or –ge

1. /j/ sound after a short vowel is usually spelled –dge.
2. /j/ sound after the letters l, n or any vowel sound (except short) is usually spelled –ge.

### Pattern Word

1. badge
2. pledge
3. hedge
4. ridge
5. judge
6. stage
7. merge
8. hinge
9. fringe
10. urge

### High Use Words

11. several
12. change
13. answer
14. cried
15. ground

### Content Word

16. authority
17. flag
18. government
19. responsibility
20. loyalty

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#### List 23

##### **/s/ spelled with c or –ce**

1. The letter c is used to spell the /s/ sound before the letters e, i, or y, in most cases.
2. Use the letters – ce to spell the /s/ sound before the letters e, i, or y, in most cases.

##### **Pattern Word**

1. cereal
2. cycle
3. center
4. cinch
5. certain
6. cider
7. grace
8. price
9. chance
10. force

##### **High Use Words**

11. room
12. sea
13. against
14. slowly
15. mark

##### **Content Words**

16. election
17. law
18. rule
19. individual
20. official

#### List 24

##### **Mixed List**

This spelling list combines words from the last five lists and their rules.

##### **Pattern Word**

1. circle
2. start
3. serve
4. agree
5. some
6. sum
7. pledge
8. urge
9. cycle
10. grace

##### **High Use Words**

11. listen
12. happened
13. since
14. change
15. sea

##### **Content Words**

16. education
17. honesty
18. justice
19. responsibility
20. individual

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### List 25

#### Long e spelled ea

1. The vowel pair –ea can be found at the beginning or middle of words.
2. The first word vowel says its long sound and the second vowel in this pair is silent.

#### Pattern Word

1. flea
2. peach
3. creak
4. speak
5. squeak
6. steal
7. dream
8. scream
9. stream
10. bean

#### High Use Words

11. point
12. city
13. play
14. being
15. reached

#### Content Words

16. addition
17. numeral
18. estimate
19. difference
20. graph

### List 26

The **schwa** sound is the vowel sound that makes the short u sound.

1. It can be made by any vowel.
2. The schwa sound is made by a vowel in an unaccented syllable.
3. It is symbolized by the upside down e, as in..... ə

#### Pattern Word

1. banana
2. soda
3. pilot
4. bacon
5. salad
6. vacant
7. pencil
8. lemon
9. apron
10. second

#### High Use Words

11. toward
12. five
13. himself
14. passed
15. pulled

#### Content Words

16. prediction
17. subtraction
18. addend
19. distance
20. height

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## List 27

### Consonant – le

1. A consonant –le syllable comes at the end of a word.
2. This syllable has the schwa sound (short u).
3. When the consonant – le follows a short vowel sound, the consonant is usually doubled before the –le (closed syllable)
4. When the consonant –le follows a long vowel sound, the consonant is not doubled (open syllable).

### Pattern Word

1. bubble
2. scribble
3. middle
4. puddle
5. stable
6. maple
7. staple
8. cable
9. ladle
10. fable

### High Use Words

11. usually
12. money
13. seen
14. figure
15. unit

### Content Words

16. increasing
17. multiply
18. array
19. grouping
20. measuring

## List 28

### Plural nouns: Nouns ending in –y

1. When the word ends in consonant +y, change the y to i and add es.
2. When the word ends in y following a vowel, add s.

### Prefixes: – un- and re-

1. A **prefix** is placed before a root word to change its meaning.
2. The prefix un- means not or opposite.
3. The prefix rep means again or back.

### Pattern Word

1. skies
2. parties
3. countries
4. beauties
5. monkeys
6. unsure
7. unplug
8. rebuild
9. reappear
10. revise

### High Use Words

11. didn't
12. car
13. trouble
14. piece
15. covered

### Content Words

16. pattern
17. decreasing
18. divide
19. addend
20. table

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### List 29

#### Double consonant in the medial position

1. Words with double medial consonants are divided into syllables between the double consonants.

#### Pattern Word

1. hammer
2. bottom
3. mitten
4. scatter
5. rabbit
6. button
7. sudden
8. matter
9. otter
10. common

#### High Use Words

11. I'm
12. body
13. hole
14. north
15. upon

#### Content Words

16. numerator
17. denominator
18. number
19. length
20. between

### List 30

#### Mixed List

This spelling list continues words from the last five lists and their rules.

#### Pattern Word

1. speak
2. dream
3. Salad
4. second
5. bubble
6. fable
7. beauties
8. reappear
9. matter
10. common

#### High Use Words

11. play
12. passed
13. usually
14. covered
15. upon

#### Content Words

16. difference
17. prediction
18. grouping
19. addend
20. length

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