

## Level 3 Spelling Rules Only

Reminders for Tutors

**Floss:** if a word has only 1 vowel, and ends with F, L, S, or Z, double it.

**Kiss the Cat:** spell /k/ with a C whenever you can.

**Milk Truck:** the *only* time you use C-K is right after a short vowel.

**Catch Lunch:** the *only* time you use T-C-H is right after a short vowel.

**Units:** 3 letters at the end that make an unusual sound.

### Contractions:

- Change the *second* word
- Leave out the *first* vowel and anything in front of it
- Put in an apostrophe or “flying comma”
- Squish

## Level 4 Spelling Rules Only

Reminders for Tutors

**Cry Baby:** American words can't end in an I.

**Music Trick:** /ick/ at the end of a *multi*-syllable word is always I-C.

**Picnic Chicken Basket:** use this sequence; stop at the first one that works

1. C - spell /k/ with a C whenever you can
2. CK - the *only* time you use C-K is right after a short vowel
3. K

**Happy:** short vowels must be closed

If you can't hear anything closing it off,  
double the next sound you *can* hear.

**Almost All:** all only needs 2 L's when it's at the end

**Campus Confess:** if the *last* syllable *lasts* the longest, double the S

**Schwa:** on the syllable that is *not* accented (usually the last)

- ♦ Closed A's or O's
- ♦ Any Vowel-L
- ♦ Banana: Open A's

**Confident:** Open I's or E's in the *middle* make their short sound