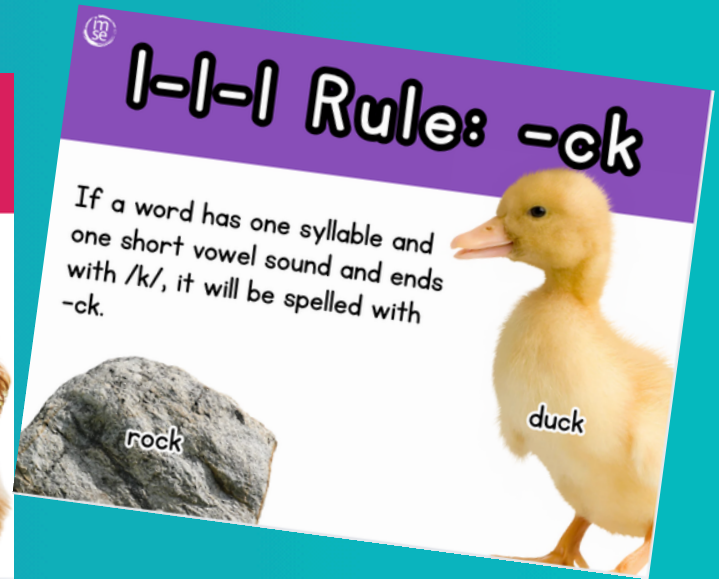




Freebie Directions

Printing and Preparation

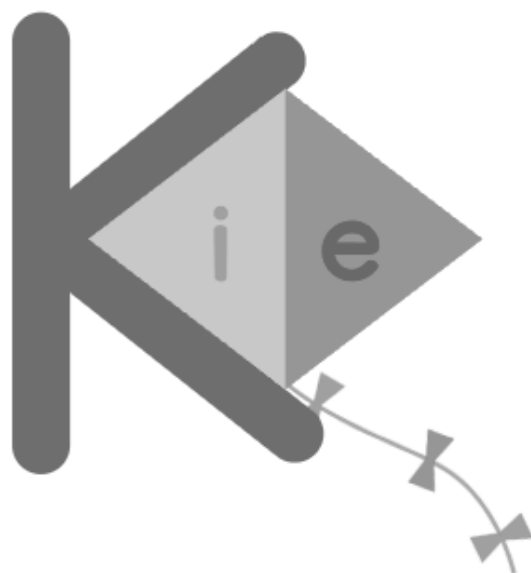
- Print each poster on card stock and laminate for durability.

Display and Use

- Post the rules on a classroom wall, or keep the set in a flip chart or three ring binder in the small group area. Introduce one poster at a time as each rule is taught, and keep it visible for review throughout the year. Return to earlier posters often so students connect new rules to the ones they already know.

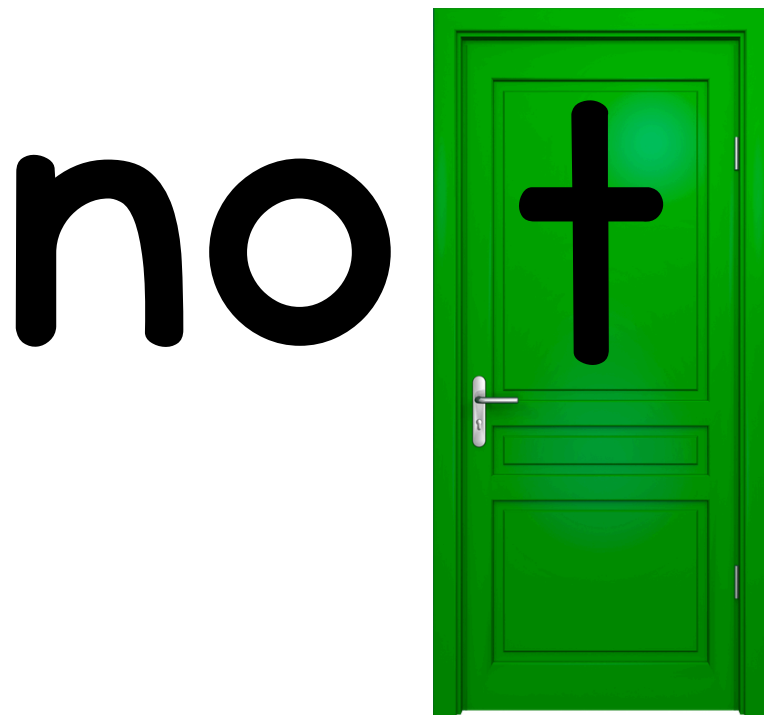
Cat/Kite Rule

- Use c to spell /k/ before a, o, or u.
- Use k to spell /k/ before e or i.



Closed Syllable

A closed syllable has one short vowel closed in by a consonant.





Open Syllable

An open syllable has a long vowel that does not have a consonant after it.

no



hi



I-I-I Rule:

-ss, -ff, -ll, -zz

If a word has one syllable and one short vowel sound and ends with /s/, /f/, /l/, or /z/, the final consonant is doubled and spelled -ss, -ff, -ll, or -zz.

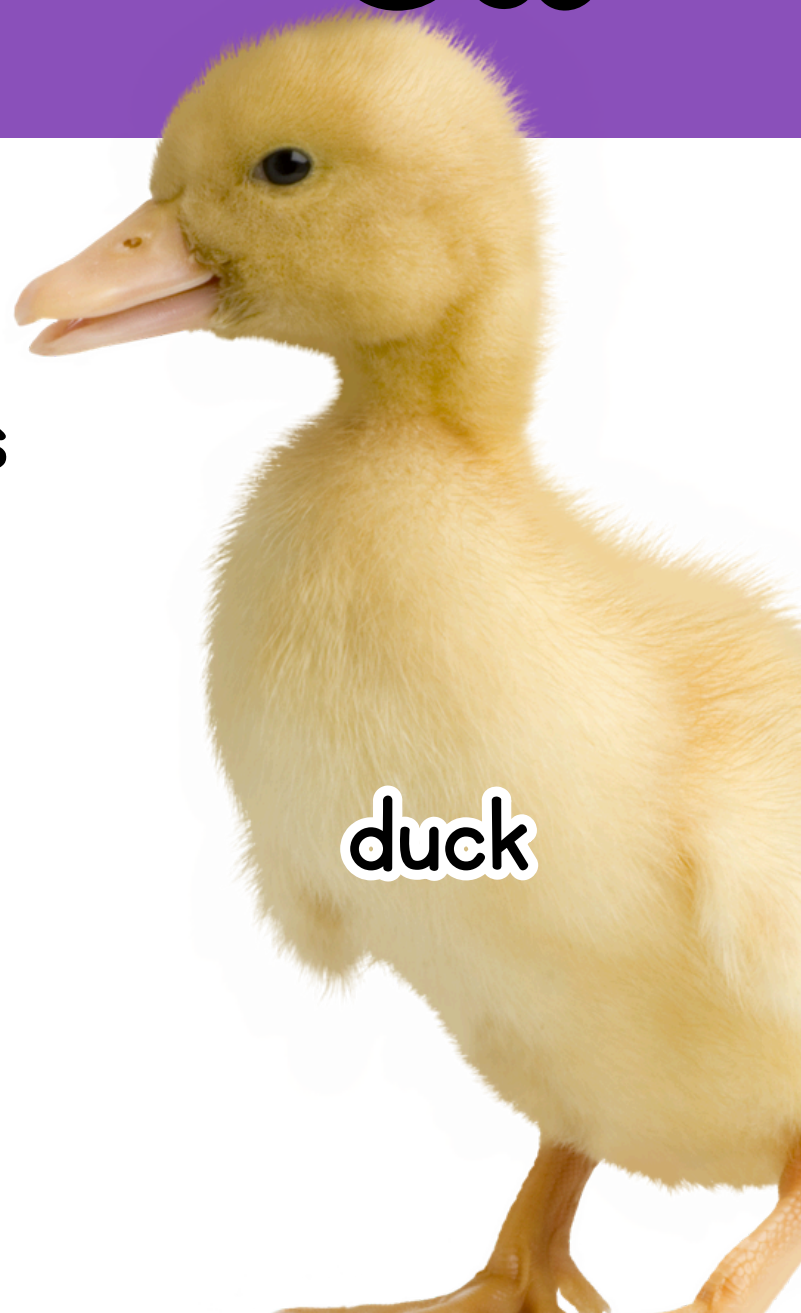


l-l-l Rule: -ck

If a word has one syllable and one short vowel sound and ends with /k/, it will be spelled with -ck.



rock



duck

1-1-1 Rule: -tch

If a word has one syllable and one short vowel sound and ends with /ch/, it will be spelled with -tch.



fetch



match



I-I-I Rule: -dge

If a word has one syllable and one short vowel sound and ends with /j/, it will be spelled with -dge.



bridge



fudge

Magic E

The e jumps over one consonant to make a vowel say its name: a-e /ā/, e-e /ē/, i-e /ī/, o-e /ō/, u-e /ū/ or /ō/, and y-e /ī/.



cube



robe

bike



athlete



pancake

Suffix -ed

- When a base word ends in d or t, -ed says /ɪd/.
- When a base word ends in a voiced sound, -ed says /d/.
- When a base word ends in a voiceless sound, -ed says /t/.



Suffix -s/-es

- Suffix -s says /s/ when the base word ends in a voiceless sound.
- Suffix -s says /z/ when the base word ends in a voiced sound.
- Suffix -es says /ɪz/ and comes after a base word that ends with /ch/, /j/, /s/, /sh/, /z/, or the letter x.



cats



dogs



boxes

Soft C & G

The letter c spells /s/ and the letter g spells /j/ when they come before e, i, or y.



giraffe



city