

Useful Groups of Letter Sounds (For Teachers' Reference Only)

Other Useful Groups of Letter Sounds			
Consonant-and-vowel digraphs			
The "sh" letter sound		The "ze" letter sound	
-ci-	special	-si-	television
-ti-	action	-su-	casual
Consonant-and-vowel trigraphs – the "k" and "g" letter sounds			
-que	cheque		
-gue	dialogue		
Silent letters – Silent b, Silent h, Silent gh, Silent k and Silent l			
Silent b	climb	Silent k	know
Silent h	ghost	Silent l	half
Silent gh	high		
Prefixes and suffixes			
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ad- anti- be- de- dis- en- ex- im- inter- mis- pre- post- re- un-	adjoin anti-virus belittle decrease discount enable export impossible interpersonal misbehave prepay post-reading recycle unusual	-able -al -ance -ar -ary -ate -ation -dom -en -ent -er -ese -ess -ful -fy -ial -ian -ic -ine -ish -ist -ive -less -like -ly -ment -or -ory -ship -some -ure -ward -y	comfortable musical appearance linear disciplinary fortunate conversation wisdom frighten dependent driver Chinese actress playful simplify industrial librarian electronic imagine stylish artist creative careless lifelike friendly movement sailor advisory friendship troublesome temperature forward sporty

Magic -e																					
The addition of "e" after a vowel followed by a consonant changes the vowel sound from a short vowel sound to a long vowel sound.	fat rid not cut	fate ride note cute																			
Silent -e																					
The letter "e" at the end of some words does not have any effect on the preceding vowel sound and is itself not pronounced.		come give some																			
-s endings																					
The ending consonants "ch", "sh", "x", "ge", "s(e)", "ce" form a syllable with "(-e)s".	-ch -sh -x -ge -s -se -ce	matches finishes boxes messages misses increases distances																			
-ed endings																					
a) The ending consonant "d" forms a syllable with "ed" to produce a "ded" sound.	decided	b) The ending consonant "t" forms a syllable with "ed" to produce a "ted" sound.	repeated																		
c) The "ed" at the end of verbs ending in "k", "p", "s", "ce", "x", "sh", "ch", "gh", "f" makes a "t" sound.	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">-k</td><td style="text-align: center;">shocked</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">-p</td><td style="text-align: center;">skipped</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">-s</td><td style="text-align: center;">dressed</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">-ce</td><td style="text-align: center;">announced</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">-x</td><td style="text-align: center;">mixed</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">-sh</td><td style="text-align: center;">washed</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">-ch</td><td style="text-align: center;">reached</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">-gh</td><td style="text-align: center;">laughed</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">-f</td><td style="text-align: center;">stuffed</td></tr> </table>	-k	shocked	-p	skipped	-s	dressed	-ce	announced	-x	mixed	-sh	washed	-ch	reached	-gh	laughed	-f	stuffed	d) The "ed" at the end of verbs ending in other consonant and vowel sounds makes a "d" sound.	tagged called worried formed happened ordered snowed damaged arrived quizzed
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