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PH

Ph always copies F.

Phil	Phyllis
Ralph	graph
physical	epitaph
phone	pharmacy
lymph	Joseph

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Syllables

A syllable is the smallest part of a word you can say without a break.

car-pet	hi-jack
vow-el	kit-ten
con-so-nant	Cyn-thi-a
en-cy-clo-pe-di-a	Cal-i-for-ni-a

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Sounds of NG and NK

Ng makes its own unique sound.

Nk merely blends the sounds of n and k.

ng	nk
sing	sink
ring	drink
thing	think
flying	rank

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Silent Spacer Letters

Spacer D keeps an e or i from being magic, which would make a vowel before it long:

badge edging bridging lodge budget fudge

Spacer U keeps an e, i or y from making G

copy J:

guess guy disguise Portuguese guide guilt

guitar

Several other consonants are used as

spacers:

sitting black hummed planned hopped

stirred

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ED makes three sounds at the end of a word.

1. Ed usually says the sound of d at the end of a

word: filled judged fanned crumbled

2. Ed says the sound of t after f, k, p, s, ch or

sh: cuffed cooked jumped tossed pitched

fished

3. Ed sounds like the name *Ed* after d or t:

needed decided added wanted melted

planted

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AIR, ARE, ERE, EAR and EIR

can sound alike:

air	are	ere	eir	ear
pair	pare	there	their	pear
air	care		heir	bear
flair	flare			wear
hair	hare			swear
fair	fare			tear
stair				stare

Rule Card #39

EA Makes a Dozen Sounds

1. Short E: head
2. Long E: deal
3. As in air: wear
4. Long A: break
5. Long E-Short U: area
6. Silent: learn
7. Long O: bureau
8. Long E-Long A: create
9. Silent E-Short U: likeable
10. Long E-Short I: lineage
11. Long E-Short A: react
12. Short U: ocean