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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.

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|--------|-------|
| 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:

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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

- Short E: head
- Long E: deal
- As in air: wear
- Long A: break
- Long E-Short U: area
- Silent: learn
- Long O: bureau
- Long E-Long A: create
- Silent E-Short U: likeable
- Long E-Short I: lineage
- Long E-Short A: react
- Short U: ocean

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Six Sounds of OUGH

1. *aw* thought bought fought sought ought

2. *o* dough though thorough furlough

3. *uf* rough tough enough slough

4. *off* cough trough

5. *u2* through slough

6. *ow* bough plough drought

(Notice that *slough* has two pronunciations.)