



Practical Publications:

# Spelling Rules, Definitions and Resources

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Do you really know the rules that underpin the dozens of decisions you make when you spell words in daily life? Do you know what the difference is between homographs and homophones? What is the rule for doubling a final consonant before adding a suffix? Where can you get a comprehensive list of homophones to use in class?

These are some of the many questions I set about answering when writing this book. This comprehensive publication, developed over 30+ years of teaching contains the common spelling rules; definitions for the many terms that pop up in association with the teaching and learning of spelling; and a terrific resource section containing dozens of prefixes, suffixes, Greek and Latin roots and much more.

Here are the areas covered:

#### Common Spelling Rules

- Abbreviations
- Adding a Suffix
- Adding a suffix to a word ending in 'y'
- Base or Root Words
- Capital letters when spelling
- Compound Words
- Contractions
- Days and Months
- Derivatives
- Digraphs
- Diphthongs
- Double Letters
- Eponyms
- Final 'e' plus a suffix
- Final 'e' plus suffix 'er'
- Hyphens
- 'i' before 'e' except after 'c'
- 'ie' to 'y' plus 'ing'
- Irregular Plurals
- Letter 'q'
- Magic 'e' Words
- Making plurals of words ending in 'f'
- Making plurals of words ending in 'x', 'sh', 'ch' or 's'
- Plurals
- Prefixes
- Silent or magic 'e' rule when adding a suffix

- Simple Plurals
- Suffixes
- Suffixes beginning with vowels added to
- words ending in vowel / consonant combinations
- Suffix 'ful' meaning 'full of'
- Syllables and Sounded Vowels
- Using Possessive Apostrophes
- Words ending in 'y' plus suffix

#### Definitions

- Acronyms
- Anagrams
- Ambigrams
- Antagonyms
- Antonyms
- Consonants
- Derivatives
- Digraphs
- Diphthongs
- Eggcoms
- Eponyms
- Homographs
- Homonyms
- Homophones
- Hyponyms
- Initialism
- Loan Words

- Mnemonics
- Morphemes
- Neologisms
- Palindromes
- Phonemes
- Polysemy
- Portmanteau Words
- Vowels

#### Resources

- Collective Noun Forms
- Homophones
- Homographs
- Antonyms
- Silent Letters
- Greek and Latin Roots
  - Greek
  - Latin
- Affixes – Prefixes

Suffixes

English  
Latin  
Greek

English  
Latin  
Greek