

Look here for allowable spellings and common spelling rules.

## **Consonant Sounds**

Sound	Allowable Spellings <sup>†</sup>	Spelling Rules
/ dʒ /	g, ge, j, dg, dge, d, di, gi, gg	<ul> <li>spelled with the letter [i] when it is followed by the letters 'a, o, u'</li> <li>this sound is never spelled with the letters 'dge' after a long vowel sound</li> <li>this sound is always spelled with the letters 'dge' when it immediately follows as low vowel sound at the end of a one-syllable word</li> <li>the letter and 'ge' are only used to spell this sound at the end of a word</li> <li>this sound is always spelled with the letters 'ge' when it is the last sound in a word following a long vowel sound</li> <li>then it is the last sound in an unstressed syllable at the end of a</li> </ul>
	jet h, wh	word that has more than one syllable, this sound is usually spelled with the letters 'ge'
/ h /	hat II, WII	this consonant sound is usually spelled with the letter 'h'
/v/	v, ve, f, vv	<ul> <li>this consonant sound is almost always spelled with the letter 'v'</li> <li>at the end of a word, this consonant sound is almost always spelled with the letters 've'</li> </ul>
/z/	S, z, zz, ss, se, ze, x, cz, sth; suffix —es	<ul> <li>At the end of a one-syllable word after a short vowel sound, the / z / sound is usually spelled with the double consonant letters 'zz'</li> <li>the double consonant letters 'zz' never follow a long vowel sound</li> </ul>

<sup>†</sup>Allowable spellings (except suffix spellings) are listed from most common to least common.