### Consonant Sounds

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| / dʒ / | g, ge, j, dg, dge, d, di, gi, gg | • at the beginning of a word, this consonant sound is almost always spelled with the letter 'j' when it is followed by the letters 'a, o, u'  
• this sound is never spelled with the letters 'dge' after a long vowel sound  
• this sound is always spelled with the letters 'dge' when it immediately follows a short vowel sound at the end of a one-syllable word  
• the letters 'ge' are only used to spell this sound at the end of a word  
• this sound is always spelled with the letters 'ge' when it is the last sound in a word following a long vowel sound  
• when it is the last sound in an unstressed syllable at the end of a word that has more than one syllable, this sound is usually spelled with the letters 'ge' |
| / h / | h, wh | • this consonant sound is usually spelled with the letter 'h' |
| / v / | v, ve, f, vv | • this consonant sound is almost always spelled with the letter 'v'  
• at the end of a word, this consonant sound is almost always spelled with the letters 've' |
| / z / | s, z, zz, ss, se, ze, x, cz, sth; suffix –es | • 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’  
• the double consonant letters ‘zz’ never follow a long vowel sound |

*Allowable spellings (except suffix spellings) are listed from most common to least common.*