

# *Spelling rules:*

## 1. <ck> or <k> ?

If a **short** word has a **short** vowel followed by a /c/ sound, the /c/ is spelt <ck> .

If a **short** word has a **long** vowel, or a vowel digraph, followed by a /c/ sound, the /c/ is written <k> .

## 2. <s> or <ss> ?

In **short** words with a **short** vowel and ending in /f/, /l/, /s/ or /z/, the **final consonant** is usually **doubled**.

## 3. Suffixes

There must be at least **two consonants** before the suffixes <ing> , <ed> , <er> or <y> can be added to **short** words with **short** vowels.

If the word has a **long** vowel, or a vowel digraph, it is not necessary to have two consonants before the suffix.