

Spelling the /k/ sound at the end of words: is it **c** or **k**?

Some helpful spelling rules

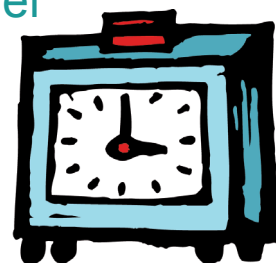
When the /k/ sound comes after another consonant, we usually use the letter **k**:

task **silk** **drink** **dark**



When the /k/ sound comes straight after a short vowel sound we usually spell it **ck**:

pack **deck** **tick** **clock** **luck**



But words ending with the sound /ik/ have an extra rule:

At the end of a one-syllable word, use **ick**:

lick **stick** **click**



In words of more than one syllable, use only **ic**:

panic **electric** **traffic**



For more on this spelling rule, please see **Spellzone** Unit 2 where you will find complete spelling lesson plans, extensive word lists, practice exercises, spelling tests and spelling games for **k/ck/ic/lick**.

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