

Spelling list: *ff* words

Does your word end in an *f* sound? Does your word contain a *short vowel sound* ? If you answered yes to both questions, its likely that the *f* sound at the end of your word is spelt with the letters *ff* .

For example:

The word *staff* contains a short /a/ sound and ends with an *f* sound. This means the *f* needs to be doubled.

The word *cliff* contains a short /i/ sound and ends with an *f* sound. Once again, the *f* needs to be doubled.

The word *cuff* contains a short /u/ sound and ends with an *f* sound. As before, the *f* needs to be doubled.

This rule also applies to words that end with *s* and *l* after a *short vowel sound* .

staff	The boss called a staff meeting.
sniff	His cold made him sniff a lot.
tiff	A tiff is a small argument.
puff	There was a small puff of smoke from the fire.
bluff	Jack tried to bluff his way out of a parking ticket.
cuff	Jim got mud on his cuff .
stuff	Do not stuff so much food in your mouth.
scoff	The food was so delicious he couldn't help but scoff it down.
off	The ship set off from Florida.
cliff	There is a sheer drop at the cliff edge.
stiff	He had a stiff neck after the car accident.
fluff	She brushed the fluff off her jacket.