

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