

## Spelling list: Words ending in *-ic*

There are two ways of spelling the /ik/ sound at the end of a word, but don't worry: there's a simple rule to help you remember which spelling pattern to use:

If a word has one syllable: use *ick* to spell the /ik/ sound at the end of a word. *BUT* if a word has two or more syllables, use *ic* to spell the /ik/ sound at the end of a word.

As the words in this list have more than one syllable, they use the *-ic* spelling.

*-ic* words are often nouns or adjectives. When they are adjectives, they are sometimes used to describe things that have the qualities or characteristics of a noun. For example, if something is *scientific*, it is associated with *science*.

attic	We have stored our old CDs in the <b>attic</b> .
panic	If she gets lost she will <b>panic</b> .
traffic	The police started to divert the <b>traffic</b> .
comic	The film was full of <b>comic</b> moments.
clinic	She had an appointment at the antenatal <b>clinic</b> .
drastic	He needs to make <b>drastic</b> cuts in his spending.
antic	The clown got up to some silly antics.
basic	Food is one of the <b>basic</b> needs for survival.
classic	<b>Classic</b> cars can cost more than new ones.
drastic	He needs to make <b>drastic</b> cuts in his spending.
arctic	The North Pole is in the Arctic.
electric	I used an <b>electric</b> whisk to make the cake.
athletic	The basketball player was very <b>athletic</b> .
atlantic	Our flight took us over the Atlantic.
aerobic	I did an <b>aerobic</b> workout at the gym today.

dramatic            The actor made a **dramatic** speech.

exotic              There were many **exotic** fish in the tank.

dyslexic            She loved stories even though she was **dyslexic** .