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Words That End in <c> and <ck>

[k] as a final sound in words like "check" and "poetic"

Words that End in <ck> and <c>



If a word ends in [k] with a short vowel sound in front of it, the [k] will usually be spelled <ck> or <c>. If the word has only one vowel sound, the [k] will usually be spelled <ck>. If the word has more than one vowel sound, the [k] will usually be spelled <c>.

Examples

Below are some words that end with the sound [k] spelled <ck>:

tick clock wreck quick

The following words spelled [k] with <c> at the end:

music patriotic traffic athletic

Review

1. Underline the letters that spell the final [k] in each of them. Don't worry yet about the columns labeled 'Sounds':

Word	Sounds	Word	Sounds	Word	Sounds	Word	Sounds
poetic		wreck		specific		speck	
struck		athletic		elastic		enthusiastic	
scientific		quick		zodiac		check	
knock		sick		economic		sympathetic	
traffic		seismic		schlock		patriotic	

2. Now pronounce each word carefully. Listen for the number of vowel sounds in each word. In the 'Sounds' columns write that number. Eight of the words have one vowel sound. Two have two vowel sounds. Five have three vowel sounds. Four have four

vowel sounds, and one has five.

3. Now sort the twenty words into this matrix:

Words with the final [k] spelled . . .		
	<c>	<ck>
Words with only one vowel sound		
Words with more than one vowel sound		

[Figure1]

4. The following words all contain two vowel sounds but still end in <ck>. Be ready to discuss why they can be analyzed to show that they actually do not contradict the conclusion that in words with only vowel sound final [k] will usually be spelled <ck>:

Word	Analysis
horseback	
aftershock	
o'clock	
airsick	
thunderstruck	
yardstick	

Review (Answers)

1. & 2.

Word	Sounds	Word	Sounds	Word	Sounds	Word	Sounds
poetic	3	wreck	1	specific	3	speck	1
struck	1	athletic	3	elastic	3	enthusiastic	5
scientific	4	quick	1	zodiac	3	check	1
knock	1	sick	1	economic	4	sympathetic	4
traffic	2	seismic	2	schlock	1	patriotic	4

3.

Words with the final [k] spelled ...

<c>	<ck>
Words with only one vowel sound	<i>struck</i>
	<i>knock</i>
	<i>wreck</i>
	<i>quick</i>
	<i>sick</i>
	<i>chlock</i>
	<i>speck</i>
	<i>check</i>
Words with more than one vowel sound	<i>poetic</i>
	<i>scientific</i>
	<i>traffic</i>
	<i>athletic</i>
	<i>reissue</i>
	<i>specific</i>
	<i>elastic</i>
	<i>zodiac</i>
	<i>economic</i>
	<i>enthusiastic</i>
	<i>sympathetic</i>
	<i>patriotic</i>

4.

Word	Analysis
horseback	<i>horse + back</i>
aftershock	<i>after + shock</i>
o'clock	<i>o' + clock</i>
airsick	<i>air + sick</i>
thunderstruck	<i>thunder + struck</i>
yardstick	<i>yard + stick</i>

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