

The Usual Suspects Expect all words to follow these **rules**, exceptions are rare.

1) **ce, ci, cy** always say the **s** sound and **cy** at the end says **see**: emergency**cy**

cent descent **decide** **decibels** pharmace**cent**als
centipede **decent** **scintilla** **decisive** **science**
once fluores**cence** simplici**ty** **deficit** **bicycle**

cce, cci say **k s**: **accept** **access** **succeed** **accidentally** **vaccine** **succinct**

Otherwise **cc** is **k**: **raccoon** **accuse** **accommodate** **occur** **account** **succumb**

2) **ge, gi, gy** usually say **j**: exceptions are easy words like: girl, give, get, eager, finger

edge **belligerent** **generous** **danger** **legendary** **pigeon**
manage **intelligent** **ingenious** **courageous** **contingency** **surgeon**

giant **fragile** **fugitive** **plagiarism** **region** **sacrilegious** **legitimate**
origin **hygiene** **vigilance** **pledge** **religious** **litigious** **contagious**

notice **gy**: **gym**, **gymnasium**, **gyro**, **gyrate**, **gyration**, **gyroscope**, **gyp**, **gypsy**

gy at the end says **jee**: **allergy**, **energy**, **edgy**, **biology**, **herpetology**, **technology**

3) **gh** is **f** only in this small word group:

<u>uff</u>		<u>off</u>		<u>af</u>	
enough	tough	cough		laugh	laughed
rough	slough	trough		laughing	laughter

otherwise **gh** is silent:

though tho	through threw	thought thawt	thorough thor o
although altho	throughout threw	thoughtful thawt ful	thoroughly thor o lee

long i						long a		aw sound
high	bright	flight	night	might	sight	straight	weigh	caught
sigh	delight	fright	knight	plight	slight	weight	neigh	bought
thigh	fight	light	height	right	tight	eight		brought

draught **draft**, **dough** rhymes with **go**, **bough** rhymes with **now**, **drought** rhymes with **out**

