## What is the Spelling Rule?

## How to play:

1. Cut up the spelling rules and read them out loud.
2. Write ALL the words on individual index cards. On the back of the index card write the rule.
3. Look at the word and decide what rule the word goes under.
4. Once you have placed all the words see how many words you have correct!

## The Magic "e" Rule

When the " $e$ " is the final vowel in a word, the vowel before it is usually long.

Connecting Vowels
When two vowels are together in a word or syllable, the first vowel is usually long and the second vowel is usually silent.

Soft "c"
When " $c$ " is followed by " $e$," " $i$,", or " $y$ " the letter " $c$ " makes the " $s$ " sound.

Soft " ${ }^{\prime \prime}$
When " $g$ " is followed by " $e$," " $i$," or " $y$ " the letter " $g$ " often makes the " $j$ " sound.

Open Vowels
When a,e,i,o, or $u$ is the last and the only vowel in a word or syllable it is usually long.
"ph"
Is a consonant diagraph and the "ph" letter combination makes the same sound as the letter "f."

The Magic "e" Rule
hop-hope
mad-made
kit-kite
not-note
pet-Pete
tub-tube
dim-dime

Connecting Vowels
rain eat pail
boat meat
pie soap

Soft "c"
cent face
city ceiling
fancy fence
race

|  |  | Soft "g" |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| gentle | germ | gel |
| giant | ginger | magic |
| gypsy |  |  |

## Open Vowels

go he duty
me be
baby me
no we
so tiny
phone dolphin
graph alphabet
orphan
photo
trophy

