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Skill	SPIRE Up	LETRS Grapheme Type, Syllable Type, Rule/ Principle, or Morpheme Construction	Category
1	Short <i>a</i> with Consonants <i>m, n, p, s, t</i>	Predictable consonants; Predictable short vowel /ă/	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
2	Short <i>i</i> with Consonants <i>b, c, d, f, h</i>	Predictable consonants; Predictable short vowel /ĭ/	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
3	Short <i>o</i> with Consonants <i>g, k, l, r, v</i>	Predictable consonants; Predictable short vowel /ŏ/	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
4	Short <i>u</i> with Consonants <i>j, qu, w, x, y, z</i>	Predictable consonants; Predictable short vowel /ÿ/	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
5	Short <i>e</i>	Predictable short vowel /ĕ/	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
6	Double Final Consonants	Floss rule	Orthographic Rules and Generalizations
7	Consonant Digraph <i>sh</i>	Consonant digraphs	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
8	Consonant Digraph <i>ch</i>	Consonant digraphs	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
9	Consonant Digraph <i>th</i>	Consonant digraphs	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
10	Consonant Digraphs: <i>ck, wh</i>	Digraphs; <i>-ck</i> after a short vowel	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
11	Two-Syllable Words	Multisyllabic word construction and division principles	Six Syllable Types and Oddities in Multisyllable Words
12	Schwa	Oddities and schwa	Six Syllable Types and Oddities in Multisyllable Words
13	Inflection <i>-s</i>	Inflectional suffixes (no spelling change)	Basic Morphology
14	Consonant Blends with <i>s</i>	Two-consonant blends	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
15	Consonant Blends with <i>l</i>	Two-consonant blends	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
16	Consonant Blends with <i>r</i>	Two-consonant blends	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
17	Three-Letter Blends and Digraph Blends	Three-consonant blends and blends with digraphs	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
18	Vowels That Stand Alone	Long vowel sounds associated with single letters <i>a, e, i, o, u</i> ; open syllables in one-syllable words	Consistent Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
19	<i>ng, nk</i>	Final consonant blends with nasals	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences

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20	Split Vowel Teams (CVCe): <i>a_e, i_e</i>	Vowel-consonant-e (VCe), long vowel sound	Six Syllable Types and Oddities in Multisyllable Words
21	Split Vowel Teams (CVCe): <i>e_e, o_e, u_e</i>	Vowel-consonant-e (VCe), long vowel sound	Six Syllable Types and Oddities in Multisyllable Words
22	Special Combinations: <i>-ild, -ind</i>	The <i>-ild, -ind</i> pattern	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
23	Special Combinations: <i>-old, -olt, -ost</i>	The <i>-ost, -old, -olt</i> pattern	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
24	R-controlled Vowel Team <i>ar</i>	Vowel-r combinations, single syllables	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
25	R-controlled Vowel Team <i>or</i>	Vowel-r combinations, single syllables	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
26	R-controlled Vowel Teams: <i>er, ir, ur</i>	Vowel-r combinations, single syllables	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
27	Long <i>a</i> : <i>ai, ay</i>	Vowel teams: long, short, and diphthong vowels	Six Syllable Types and Oddities in Multisyllable Words
28	Long <i>e</i> : <i>ea, ee, ey</i>	Vowel teams: long, short, and diphthong vowels	Six Syllable Types and Oddities in Multisyllable Words
29	Long <i>o</i> : <i>oa, ow</i>	Vowel teams: long, short, and diphthong vowels	Six Syllable Types and Oddities in Multisyllable Words
30	<i>al, all</i>	Diphthongs and vowels	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
31	Inflections: <i>-es, -ing</i>	Inflectional suffixes	Basic Morphology
32	Inflection <i>-ed</i>	Inflectional suffixes	Basic Morphology
33	Long <i>a</i> : <i>ea, ei, eigh, ey</i>	Vowel teams for long vowel sounds, most common	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
34	Contractions with <i>will</i> and <i>not</i>	Contractions	Other Aspects of Orthography
35	Additional Contractions	Contractions	Other Aspects of Orthography
36	Long <i>i</i> : <i>ie, igh</i>	Vowel teams for long vowel sounds, most common	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences

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37	Soft c and g	Single consonants: /s/ = c, s; /j/ = j, g	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
38	Trigraphs: <i>dge, tch</i>	Trigraphs	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
39	Long u: <i>ew, ue, ui</i>	Vowel teams for long vowel sounds	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
40	Singular Possessives	Possessives	Other Aspects of Orthography
41	<i>au, aw; aught, ought</i>	Diphthongs and vowels /aw/ and /oo/	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
42	Long and Short oo	Diphthongs and vowels /aw/ and /oo/	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
43	y: Long e, Long i	All jobs of y	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
44	Diphthongs: <i>oi, oy</i>	Diphthongs and vowels /aw/ and /oo/	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
45	Diphthongs: <i>ou, ow</i>	Diphthongs and vowels /aw/ and /oo/	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
46	<i>ou</i>	Diphthongs and vowels /aw/ and /oo/; Irregular spellings of high-frequency words	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
47	Consonant- <i>le</i>	Consonant- <i>le</i> (Cle), final syllables	Six Syllable Types and Oddities in Multisyllable Words
48	Alternate Short Vowel Sounds: <i>a, ea</i>	Vowel teams: long, short, and diphthong vowels	Six Syllable Types and Oddities in Multisyllable Words
49	Alternate Long Vowel Sounds: <i>ei, ie</i>	Vowel teams: long, short, and diphthong vowels	Six Syllable Types and Oddities in Multisyllable Words
50	Multisyllabic Words	Multisyllabic word construction and division principles	Six Syllable Types and Oddities in Multisyllable Words
51	Suffixes: <i>-ful, -less</i>	Common derivational suffixes	Basic Morphology
52	Suffixes: <i>-ly, -y</i>	Common derivational suffixes	Basic Morphology
53	Suffixes: <i>-er, -est</i>	Common derivational suffixes	Basic Morphology
54	Prefixes: <i>re-, un-</i>	Common prefixes	Basic Morphology

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55	Prefixes: <i>dis-</i> , <i>mis-</i> , <i>pre-</i>	Common prefixes	Basic Morphology
56	Spelling Changes: Doubling	Consonant doubling rule for suffix addition	Orthographic Rules and Generalizations
57	Spelling Changes: Dropping	Drop silent <i>e</i> for suffix addition	Orthographic Rules and Generalizations
58	Spelling Changes: <i>y</i> to <i>i</i>	Change <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> for suffix addition	Orthographic Rules and Generalizations
59	Irregular Plurals	Irregular plurals	Basic Morphology
60	Plural Possessives	Possessives	Other Aspects of Orthography
61	Consonant Digraph <i>ph</i>	Digraphs <i>ph</i> ( <i>/f/</i> )	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
62	Silent Consonants: <i>gn</i> , <i>kn</i> , <i>mb</i> , <i>wr</i>	Silent letter combinations, Anglo-Saxon words	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
63	Alternate <i>ch</i> , <i>gu</i> , and Silent <i>t</i>	Silent letter combinations, Anglo-Saxon words	Variable, More Challenging Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences
64	Suffixes: <i>-sion</i> , <i>-tion</i> , <i>-sure</i> , <i>-ture</i>	Common derivational suffixes	Basic Morphology

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