

Spelling list: *ff* words

Does your word end in an *f* sound? Does your word contain a *short vowel sound*? If you answered yes to both questions, its likely that the *f* sound at the end of your word is spelt with the letters *ff*.

For example:

The word *staff* contains a short /a/ sound and ends with an *f* sound. This means the *f* needs to be doubled.

The word *cliff* contains a short /i/ sound and ends with an *f* sound. Once again, the *f* needs to be doubled.

The word *cuff* contains a short /u/ sound and ends with an *f* sound. As before, the *f* needs to be doubled.

This rule also applies to words that end with *s* and *l* after a *short vowel sound*.

staff The boss called a **staff** meeting.

sniff His cold made him **sniff** a lot.

tiff A **tiff** is a small argument.

puff There was a small **puff** of smoke from the fire.

bluff Jack tried to **bluff** his way out of a parking ticket.

cuff Jim got mud on his **cuff** .

stuff Do not **stuff** so much food in your mouth.

scoff The food was so delicious he couldn't help but **scoff** it down.

off The ship set **off** from Florida.

cliff There is a sheer drop at the **cliff** edge.

stiff He had a **stiff** neck after the car accident.

fluff She brushed the **fluff** off her jacket.