

Spelling list: Words ending in *-ic*

There are two ways of spelling the /ik/ sound at the end of a word, but don't worry: there's a simple rule to help you remember which spelling pattern to use:

If a word has one syllable: use *ick* to spell the /ik/ sound at the end of a word. *BUT* if a word has two or more syllables, use *ic* to spell the /ik/ sound at the end of a word.

As the words in this list have more than one syllable, they use the *-ic* spelling.

-ic words are often nouns or adjectives. When they are adjectives, they are sometimes used to describe things that have the qualities or characteristics of a noun. For example, if something is *scientific*, it is associated with *science*.

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| attic | We have stored our old CDs in the attic . |
| panic | If she gets lost she will panic . |
| traffic | The police started to divert the traffic . |
| comic | The film was full of comic moments. |
| clinic | She had an appointment at the antenatal clinic . |
| drastic | He needs to make drastic cuts in his spending. |
| antic | The clown got up to some silly antics. |
| basic | Food is one of the basic needs for survival. |
| classic | Classic cars can cost more than new ones. |
| drastic | He needs to make drastic cuts in his spending. |
| arctic | The North Pole is in the Arctic. |
| electric | I used an electric whisk to make the cake. |
| athletic | The basketball player was very athletic . |
| atlantic | Our flight took us over the Atlantic. |
| aerobic | I did an aerobic workout at the gym today. |

dramatic The actor made a **dramatic** speech.

exotic There were many **exotic** fish in the tank.

dyslexic She loved stories even though she was **dyslexic** .