Spelling

C and K- Same Sound (Notes)

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The Cat/Kite Rule

When you hear a /k/ sound at the beginning of a word use:

c before a, o, or u k before e, i, or y



- Spelling the /k/ sound before a vowel: is it c or k?
- The most common spelling choice for the /k/ sound is the letter c but sometimes we
 need to use k.
- There are some spelling rules to help with the correct choice for the /k/ sound:
- 1. If the next vowel is a, o or u, we usually use c.

For example: call, carrot, copy, colour, cup, cucumber

2. If the next vowel is e or i, we usually use k.

For example: keep, kettle, kill, kitchen.

There is a good reason for this rule: When c is followed by *e* or *i*, it will make the soft sound /s/ as in *cent* and *circle*. So, if you want the hard sound /ke/ or /ki/, you must use k.

3. If the next letter is a consonant e.g. r or l, we nearly always use c.

For example: crab, cricket, close, clap