

Step 5: Introduce the FLOSS / FSZL Rule

One of the keys to successful phonics learning and ultimately reading and spelling is to learn the various rules and nuances of phonics. One useful rule is known as the FLOSS or FSZL Rule. Kids love to play games and teaching the various rules should become like a game.

FLOSS / FSZL Rule			
puff	doll	grass	buzz
stuff	sell	boss	fuzz
cliff	hill	kiss	jazz

RULE: When /f/ /l/ /s/ or /z/ is heard after a short vowel at the end of a one-syllable word, it is usually spelled with a double ff, ll, ss, or zz. Of course, there are exceptions such as bus and quiz.