Spalding Spelling Rules
*rule number not written in Spalding spelling notebook

1. * q is always followed by u.
   
   queen

2. * c before e, i, or y says "s"
   
   cent, city, cycle

3. * g before e, i, or y says "j"
   
   gem, giant, gym

4. a, e, o, and u usually say their names (second sounds) at the end of a syllable
   
   ba by r.4 be r.4 mo tion r.4 mu sic r.4

5. i and y sometimes say "igh"
   
   si lent r.5 my r.5

6. y, not i, is used at the end of English words
   
   fun ny r.6

7. * There are 5 kinds of silent final e.
   
   1. time - e jumps over m to make i say "igh"
   2. blue, have - English words don't end in u or v
   3. change, chance - e lets the g say "j" and the c say "s"
   4. lit tle every - syllable needs a vowel
   5. are - no job e (the e is present for no reason)

8. * There are 5 spellings for "er"
   
   her first nurse works early
   
   Mark rule 8 for: "or" may say "er" when it follows w.
   
   worm r.8.
9. The "1-1-1" rule - words with 1 syllable and 1 vowel followed by 1 consonant must double the last letter before adding an ending that begins with a vowel

hop + ing = hop ping

writ + en = writ ten

10. The "2-1-1" rule words with 2 syllables where the accent is on 2nd syllable and has 1 vowel followed by 1 consonant must double the last letter before adding an ending that begins with a vowel

be gin' + ing = be gin ning

11. Drop the silent final e before adding an ending that begins with a vowel

love = lov ing r.11

12. i before e except after c or when saying "ay"

field r.12 re ceive r.12 veil r.12

13. sh is used at the beginning or end of a word or at the end of a syllable (except for the ending -ship)

shed r.13 wish r.13 wor ship r.13

14. ti, si, and ci say "sh" at the beginning of a second or subsequent syllable

na tion r.14 mis sion r.14 fa cial r.14

15. si says "sh" when the syllable before it ends in s, or when a base word has an s and changes

ses sion r.15 tense = ten sion r.15

16. si may say "zh"

vi sion r.16

17. double l, f, and s when following a single vowel at the end of a 1 syllable word

h ill r.17 off r.17 miss r.17

18. use ay to say "ay" at the end of a word

pl ay r.18
19. i and o say “igh” and “oh” when followed by 2 consonants
   find r.19 most r.19
20. s never follows x
   exit r.20
21. drop an l in all when written with another syllable
   almost r.21 always r.21
22. drop an l in till and full when written with another syllable
   until r.22 awful r.22
23. dge is only used after a single vowel
   badge r.23 ledge r.23 midge r.23 lodge r.23 fudge r.23
24. change y to i before adding an ending (except -ing)
   baby = babies r.24 fly = flies r.24
25. ck is only used after a single vowel
   back r.25 neck r.25 pick r.25 lock r.25 duck r.25
26. capitalize proper nouns
   April r.26
27. words beginning with the sound “z” are written with z, not s
   zoo r.27
28. “ed” has 3 sounds and is used to form the past tense of verbs
   parted r.28 loved r.28 jumped r.28
29. divide words into syllables between double consonants
   little r.29 allow r.29