

ai

ay

Can be spelt as ai, a or a\_e

main

bacon

wake

ay is used at the end of a word  
or before a suffix

stay

played

oi

oy

Mostly spelt as oi

boil

spoil

noise

oy is used at the end of a word  
or before a suffix

boy

annoying

ou ow

Mostly spelt as **ou**

loud

sound

mouse

**ow** is used at the end of a word

cow

brow

**ow** is used before a vowel

tower

shower

**ow** is used before an l

owl

cowl

**ow** is used before an n

brown

clown

j ge

Words never end with j. Use ge or dge instead

cage

stage

huge

badge

edge

judge

v ve

Words never end with v. Use ve instead

love

alive

cave

save

glove

above

ss   ce

Mostly use **ss** after a short vowel sound

miss

toss

fuss

There are exceptions to this rule  
that use a single **s**

bus, is, yes, was, this,  
has, as, his, plus

and a few more...

**ce** is used after a long vowel  
sound

mice

pace

**ce** is used after an n

prance

dance