

Smack Dab



after a short vowel sound . . .

- IF you hear
/s/ /l/ /f/ /z/
write double letters
- IF you hear
/k/ write **ck**
- IF you hear
/ch/ write **tch**
- IF you hear
/j/ write **dge**



Smack Dab—a silly mnemonic device for each child’s LA Binder. Smack the table while saying each rule! The smack reminds children to use consonant teams in one-syllable words for the following spelling conventions:

Smack Dab after a short vowel sound. . .



IF you hear /s/, /l/, /f/, or /z/—double those final letters (as in *hiss*, *bell*, *off*, *fuzz*)

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IF you hear a /k/ sound—write <**ck**> (as in *chick* and *sock*)



IF you hear a /ch/ sound—write <**tch**> (as in *ditch* and *clutch*)



IF you hear a /j/ sound—write <**dge**> (as in *dodge* and *ledge*)

NOTE: Investigate exceptions or two-syllable words, as in *much* and *bucket*, to understand their spelling.