

Using a 'c' or an 's'

When words begin with the sound of **s** they can be spelled with a **c** (city) or an **s** (stop).

Try this activity to see if you can work out the rule.

Here are some examples of words that begin with the **s** sound. **Look at the second letter and put each word in the table next to the correct heading:**

city	surgery	ceiling	suit	sad	sent	sister
soap	seven	syrup	cyst	celery	soft	sympathy
sale	cereal	sum	citizen	sell	six	cyclone
cinema	socks	system	cycle	sick	Saturday	

sa		ca	
se		ce	
si		ci	
so		co	
su		cu	
sy		cy	

Are there some boxes that don't have any words in them? Can you think of any words that might go there?

What do you think the rule might be for spelling words that begin with **s** or **c** and have an **s** sound?