

Using a 'c' or an 's' - answers

Your table should look like this:

sa	sad sale Saturday	ca	
se	sent seven sell	ce	ceiling celery cereal
si	sister six sick	ci	city citizen cinema
so	soap soft socks	co	
su	surgery suit sum	cu	
sy	syrup sympathy system	cy	cyst cyclone cycle

You'll see that there are no words that have an **s** sound that begin **ca**, **co**, **cu**.

The rule is:

If a word begins with an **s** sound, look at the second letter:

- if it's an **a**, **o** or **u**, then the word must begin with an **s**
- if it's an **e**, **i** or **y**, then it might begin with an **s** or a **c**

NOTE: the rule also works if the second letter is not a vowel.

Scarf, **skip**, **slide**, **small**, **snooker**, **spill**, **stone**, **switch** all have the sound of **s** at the beginning.

Clock, **cream** do not have the sound of **s** at the beginning.

The only words with an 's' sound that can start with a 'c' are those that have 'e', 'i' or 'y' as a second letter.