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Spelling Final /k/

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Long vowels and **vowel teams** are strong! After them you can just use *k* alone, as in *take, took, wake, soak, and creek*.

4.4 Quick Sort: Final /k/

- Sort these words into the chart below according to their syllable types and spellings for final /k/.

slack stank shark poke brook
stork stuck strike squeak flask

Short vowel, closed syllable		Vowel-r	VCe	Vowel team
Consonant + k	Final /k/ = ck			
stank	slack	shark	poke	brook
flask	stuck	stork	strike	squeak

4.5 Cloze Shop: Final /k/

- It's time to shake and bake! Complete the words using *k* or *ck*. Read them as you complete them.

smo ck slee k bro k e shir k

smo k e sli ck broo k sha k e

sta ck stin k bri ck sha ck

stea k star k brin k shoo k