Words to help explain spelling choices for the

sound /k/ at the end of a word

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| notice these are all one syllable words | multi-syllabic words |
| milk | bunk | magic |
| task | bark | panic |
| back | drink | panic |
| stack | bark | havoc |
| check | park | fantastic |
| bulk | chalk | epic |
| duck | mask | pandemic |
| lick | stunk | psychic |

Using the words above in sorting activities and discussions, encourage the learner

to discover how the spelling choice for /k/ at the end of a word is decided by;

* whether it is a short vowel or consonant before the sound /k/ AND
* the number of syllables in the word

For /k/ at the end of a word.

For words of…

one syllable we choose

* ck if there is a short vowel sound right before the /k/
* k if there is a consonant sound right before the /k/

more than one syllable we choose the letter c