

# "Look it up!" said Mom.

## What to do when the "most of the time" rule doesn't work!

- If it sounds as if it starts with **f**, and it doesn't, it will start with **ph**.
- If it sounds as if it starts with **n**, and it doesn't, try **kn** (the mostly likely alternative), then try **gn**, (much rarer), then try **pn**.
- If it sounds as if it starts with **k**, and it doesn't, try **c** (most common).  
Then try **ch** (rare).
- If it sounds like **kw**, try **qu**.
- If it sounds as if it starts with **j**, and it doesn't, try **g**.
- If it sounds as if it starts with **r**, and it doesn't, try **wr** before trying **rh**.
- If it sounds as if it starts with **s**, and it doesn't, try **ps**.
- If it sounds as if it starts with **t**, and it doesn't, try **p**.
- If it sounds as if it starts with **o**, and it doesn't, try **h**.
- If it sounds as if it starts with a particular vowel, and it doesn't, try all the other vowels until you find it.
- Remember: **q** is always followed by **u**, and **w** is often followed by **h**.

