

Directions for the **Rabbit Rule** Game

Prepare the Game

1. Cut off the feet from the body.
2. Cut off the head from the body.
3. Cut off the ears from the head.
4. You may laminate the rabbit parts if you wish for it to be durable.

Play the Game

1. Review the Rabbit Rule.
The Rabbit Rule is a spelling concept. In a 2 syllable base word, if you hear 1 medial consonant sound immediately after a short vowel sound, then double the medial consonant, as in rabbit.
2. Tell the students you are going to say a word. They have to decide if it follows the Rabbit Rule or not. Also they have to spell the word.
3. To help them decide if a word is going to follow the Rabbit Rule they will be building a rabbit.
 - a. If it is a two syllable base word, put the feet on a flat surface.
 - b. If it is a word with one medial consonant sound, then add the body.
 - c. If the medial consonant sound is immediately after a short vowel then add the head.
 - d. If all of the above is true, then add the two ears. This completed rabbit means we must follow the Rabbit Rule and double the medial consonant.
4. Have students write the word.

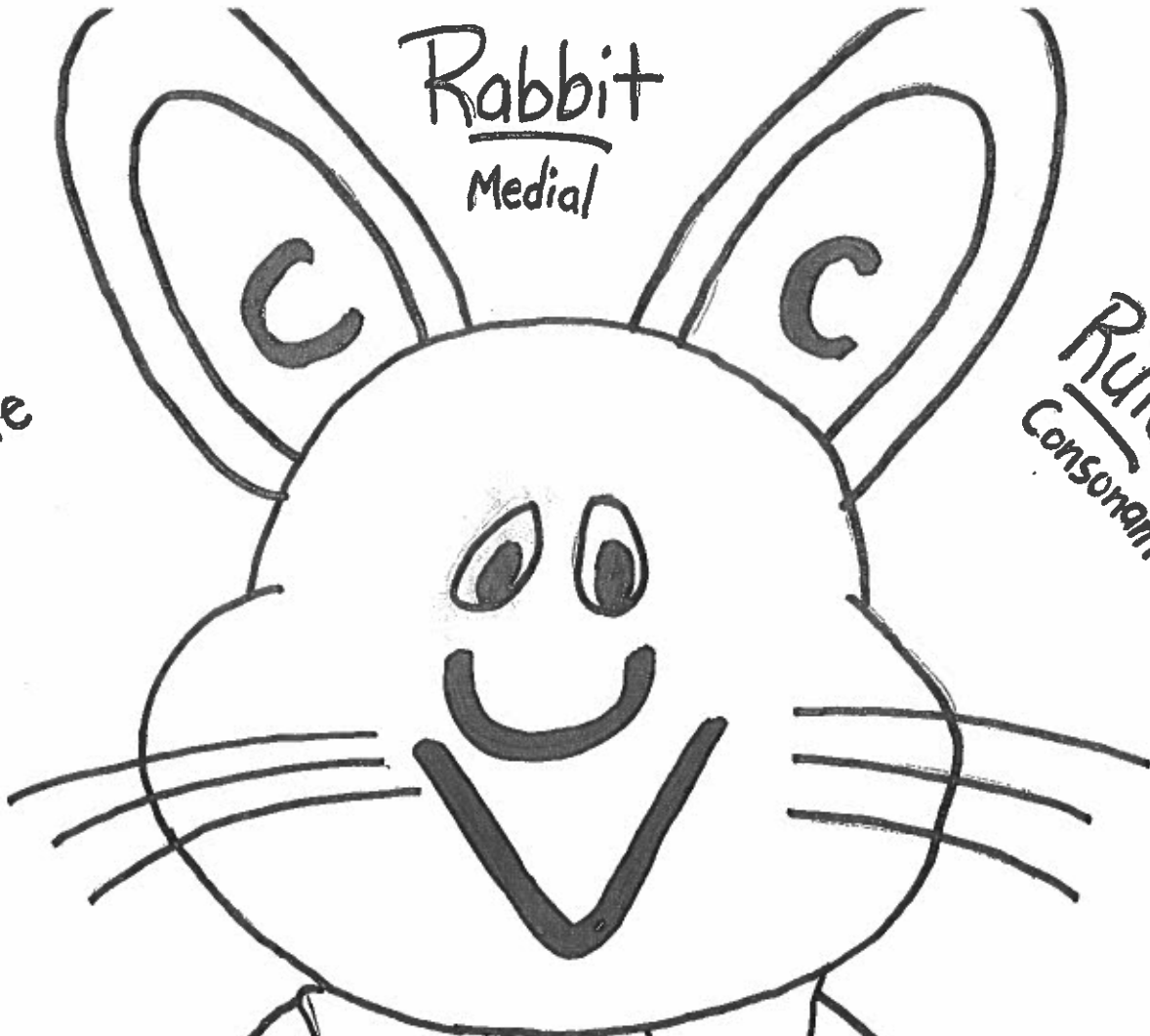
Some Words that Follow the Rabbit Rule

gossip	puppet	tennis	fossil
hammer	muffin	better	supper
ladder	lesson	banner	traffic

Rabbit
Medial

The
Double

Rule
Consonant



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Rabbit Rule



(řcv) = vccv

rabbit

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