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| **Cut this top row off before you give the sort to pupils!**  **S and ss**  The /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ sounds are usually spelt as **ff**, **ll**, **ss**, **zz** and **ck** if they come straight after a single/short vowel letter in short words.  **Exceptions**: if, pal, us, bus, yes. | | |
| Sort options:  Closed sort by long or short vowel before the l sound  Closed sort by spelling – l or ll | | Long vowel |
| Short vowel | s | ss |
|  | kiss | fuss |
| moss | fossil | gossip |
| chess | press | pass |
| sack | sun | fussy |
| vase | nurse | yes |
| dress | dinosaur | said |