

Sound [t] and Twinning

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The Sound [t] and Twinning

Sound [t] when it is twinned as in "regretting"

Sound [t] and Twinning



You **twinn** or **double** the final consonant of a word that has one vowel sound, or where the last vowel has a strong stress, and ends CVC when you add a suffix that starts with a vowel.

A **compound word** is a word that contains at least two free stems, or shorter words - for example, *blackbird* (*black* + *bird*) and *dogcatcher* (*dog* + *catcher*). Sometimes the first stem in a compound word ends with a <t> and the second starts with a <t>. Where the two parts come together through **simple addition**, you get <tt>: *cat* + *tail* = *cattail*.

Examples

In those words in which [t] is spelled <tt>, it is usually easy to see why there are two <t>s.

cattail	regretting	bottom
committed	outtalk	attention
submitted	upsetting	attend

In addition to *cattail*, there is one other compound word in the nine words above that has [t] spelled <tt> because the first stem ends with <t> and the second stem starts with <t>. It has been analyzed below into two **free stems**.

Compound	= Free Stem #1	+ Free Stem #2
<i>outtalk</i>	= <i>out</i>	+ <i>talk</i>

Review

Sometimes [t] is spelled <tt> because of twinning: *upsetting* = *upset* + *t* + *ing*.

1. What is the suffix in the word *upsetting*?
2. Does this suffix start with a vowel?
3. What is the stem to which the *-ing* in *upsetting* was added?
4. How many vowel sounds are there is in this stem?
5. Does the stem end CVC?
6. Is there strong stress on the <e> in *upset* before and after you add the suffix?
7. Do you twin the final consonant of *upset* when you add a suffix like *-ing*?
8. Other than *upsetting* there are three more words among the nine below in which the <tt> spelling is due to twinning. Find the three words and analyze them to show where the <tt> comes from, as we did with *upsetting*.

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Word	= Free Stem	+ Suffix
<i>upsetting</i>	= <i>upset</i> + <i>t</i>	+ <i>ing</i>

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