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Sounds of <o> before <ll>

Long and short <o> based on position of <ll> in a free stem

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[Figure1]

When <ll> is at the end of a free stem, an <a> right in front of it will spell a short <o> sound, as in *ball*, [bɒl]. But when the <ll> is in the middle of the stem, an <a> right in front of it will spell a short <a> sound, as in *ballot*, [b ʌ lət].

That's a neat little pattern, but there are a couple of misfits worth noticing. The word *wall* fits the pattern because it has the short <o> sound, but longer words with <wa> in front of <ll> in them don't fit: *swallow*, *wallow*, *wallet*, *wallop*.

There is a similar pattern for the spelling <oll>. Sometimes you hear a short <o>, but sometimes you hear a long <o>.

Examples

When spelling <oll>, sometimes you hear a short <o> and sometimes you hear a long <o>.

For example, *following* has a short <o> and *enrolled* has a long <o>.

Review

1. Read the following words aloud, carefully. Mark the vowel sound in front of the <ll> as we have with *troller*.

troller [ō]	tolls	bollixed	colleges
trolleys	enrolled	knolly	scrolled
polling	rollicking	collies	stroller
polliwogs	follies	dollars	colleagues'
following	jolliest	hollowed	collaring

2. Each of the twenty words contains a free stem plus a suffix. Analyze each one.

Word	= Free Stem	+ Suffix	Word	= Free Stem	+ Suffix
	=	+		=	+
	=	+		=	+
	=	+		=	+
	=	+		=	+
	=	+		=	+
	=	+		=	+
	=	+		=	+
	=	+		=	+
	=	+		=	+
	=	+		=	+

3. When the <ll> is at the end of a free stem, does the <o> right in front of it spell a long sound or a short sound? _____. When the <ll> is in the middle of a free stem, does the <o> right in front of it spell a long sound or a short sound? _____.

Review (Answers)

1.

troller [ō]	tolls [ō]	bollixed [o]	colleges [o]
trolleys [o]	enrolled [ō]	knolly [ō]	scrolled [ō]
polling [ō]	rollicking [o]	collies [o]	stroller [ō]
polliwogs [o]	follies [o]	dollars [o]	colleagues' [o]
following [o]	jolliest [o]	hollowed [o]	collaring [o]

2.

Word	= Free Stem	+ Suffix	Word	= Free Stem	+ Suffix
<i>troller</i>	= <i>troll</i>	+ <i>er</i>	<i>bollixed</i>	= <i>bollix</i>	+ <i>ed</i>
<i>trolleys</i>	= <i>trolley</i>	+ <i>s</i>	<i>knolly</i>	= <i>knoll</i>	+ <i>y</i>
<i>polling</i>	= <i>poll</i>	+ <i>ing</i>	<i>collies</i>	= <i>collie</i>	+ <i>s</i>
<i>polliwogs</i>	= <i>polliwog</i>	+ <i>s</i>	<i>dollars</i>	= <i>dollar</i>	+ <i>s</i>
<i>following</i>	= <i>follow</i>	+ <i>ing</i>	<i>hollowed</i>	= <i>hollow</i>	+ <i>ed</i>
<i>tolls</i>	= <i>toll</i>	+ <i>s</i>	<i>colleges</i>	= <i>colleges</i>	+ <i>s</i>
<i>enrolled</i>	= <i>enroll</i>	+ <i>ed</i>	<i>scrolled</i>	= <i>scroll</i>	+ <i>ed</i>
<i>rollicking</i>	= <i>rollick</i>	+ <i>ing</i>	<i>stroller</i>	= <i>stroll</i>	+ <i>er</i>
<i>follies</i>	= <i>fol</i> <i>y</i> + <i>i</i>	+ <i>es</i>	<i>colleagues'</i>	= <i>colleague</i>	+ <i>s'</i>
<i>jolliest</i>	= <i>joll</i> <i>y</i>	+ <i>est</i>	<i>collaring</i>	= <i>collar</i>	+ <i>ing</i>

3. When the <ll> is at the end of a free stem, does the <o> right in front of it spell a long sound or a short sound? long. When the <ll> is in the middle of a free stem, does the <o> right in front of it spell a long sound or a short sound? short.

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