

When [b] is Spelled

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<bb> due to twinning and simple addition

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Two ways to spell [b] are and <bb>. Almost 100% of the time, [b] is spelled one of these two ways.

Reasons for <bb> include the following:

You **twin or double** the final consonant of a free stem that has one vowel sound and ends CVC when you add a suffix that starts with a vowel. And you twin the final consonant of a free stem that has two vowel sounds whenever you add a suffix that starts with a vowel if the stem ends CVC and has strong stress on the final vowel before and after you add the suffix.

Sometimes double consonants are caused by **simple addition**, when one element in a word ends with the same consonant with which the next element starts.

In the **VCC pattern** the vowel will usually be short. Some words have <bb> in them in order to fill out the VCC pattern so as to mark a short vowel.

Examples

Word with <bb> from [twinning](#): *grabbed* = *grab* + *b* + *ed*

Word with <bb> from simple addition: *dumbbell* = *dumb* + *bell*

Word with <bb> to fill out the VCC pattern: *rabbit*

Review

1. Underline the letters that spell [b] in the following words.

bright	crabby	rabbit	scrubboard
grabbed	crumble	stubborn	exhibit
dumbbell	ribbon	robber	hobby
scrubbing	cabbage	rubber	sobbed

2. Now sort the sixteen words into these groups.

Words with [b] spelled . . .

<bb>		

[Figure1]

3. In six of the sixteen words [b] is spelled <bb> because of twinning. Find the six words, write them below and then analyze them to show where the <bb> comes from.

Word with <bb> from twinning	= Analysis
	=
	=
	=
	=
	=
	=

4. Two of the sixteen words you just worked with have <bb> in them because of simple addition. Write them below and analyze them into their two parts to show where the two s come from.

Word with <bb> by simple addition	= Analysis
	=
	=

5. The remaining five of the sixteen words all have <bb> because of the VCC pattern. Find them and write them below.

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[Figure2]

Review (Answers)

1.

<i>b<u>ri</u>ght</i>	<i>crab<u>b</u>y</i>	<i>rab<u>b</u>it</i>	<i>scrub<u>b</u>oard</i>
<i>grab<u>b</u>ed</i>	<i>crum<u>b</u>le</i>	<i>stub<u>b</u>orn</i>	<i>exhib<u>i</u>t</i>
<i>dumb<u>be</u>ll</i>	<i>rib<u>b</u>on</i>	<i>rob<u>b</u>er</i>	<i>hobb<u>y</u></i>
<i>scrub<u>bi</u>ng</i>	<i>cabb<u>a</u>ge</i>	<i>rub<u>b</u>er</i>	<i>sobb<u>e</u>d</i>

2.

Words with [b] spelled ...

<bb>		
<i>grabbed</i>	<i>stubborn</i>	<i>bright</i>
<i>dumbbell</i>	<i>robber</i>	<i>crumble</i>
<i>scrubbing</i>	<i>rubber</i>	<i>exhibit</i>
<i>crabby</i>	<i>scrubboard</i>	
<i>ribbon</i>	<i>hobby</i>	
<i>cabbage</i>	<i>sobbed</i>	
<i>rabbit</i>		

3.

Word with <bb> from twinning	= Analysis
<i>grabbed</i>	= <i>grab + b + ed</i>
<i>scrubbing</i>	= <i>scrub + b + ing</i>
<i>crabby</i>	= <i>crab + b + y</i>
<i>robber</i>	= <i>rob + b + er</i>
<i>rubber</i>	= <i>rub + b + er</i>
<i>sobbed</i>	= <i>sob + b + ed</i>

4.

Word with <bb> from twinning	= Analysis
<i>dumbbell</i>	= <i>dumb + bell</i>
<i>scrubboard</i>	= <i>scrub + board</i>

5.

ribbon *cabbage* *rabbit* *stubborn* *hobby*

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