

When [g] is Spelled

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<gg> because of assimilation, twinning, or the VCC pattern

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[Figure1]

Sometimes [g] is spelled <gg> because the prefix *ad-* has assimilated to *ag-* before a stem that starts with <g>, as in *aggression*.

Sometimes [g] is spelled <gg> because of twinning, as in *plugged*

Sometimes [g] is spelled <gg> because of the VCC pattern, as in *stagger*.

Examples

Each of the following words contains a <gg> spelling of [g] because of assimilation, twinning, or the VCC pattern.

Word	= Analysis
shrugged	= <i>shrug</i> + <i>g</i> + <i>ed</i>
aggression	= <i>a</i> <i>d</i> + <i>g</i> + <i>gression</i>
reggae	= VCC

Review

1. Analyze the words in which the <gg> is due to assimilation or twinning to show where the <gg> comes from. For words in which the <gg> is due to the VCC pattern, just write "VCC" in the Analysis column.

Word	= Analysis
jogger	=
shrugged	=

Word	= Analysis
aggression	=
luggage	=
snuggies	=
aggravate	=
waterlogged	=
maggot	=
reggae	=
baggage	=
toboggan	=
bowlegged	=
debugging	=
jiggish	=
draggy	=

2. Now sort the fifteen words into these three groups.

Words with [g] spelled <gg> because of . . .

Assimilation	Twinning		VCC

[Figure2]

3. When a consonant sound has <le> right after it, the two patterns VC/e and VCC/e come into play, as in the following examples.

VC/e Pattern with a Long Vowel	VCC/e Pattern with a Short Vowel
gable	gabble
rifle	riffle
ruble	rubble
cradle	straddle
idle	riddle

There are some [g] words with the VC/e and VCC/e patterns. Mark the VC/e and VCC/e patterns in the following words.

jiggle	bugle	jungle	bedraggled
joggle	smuggle	angle	single
struggle	wriggle	ogle	boondoggle

4. Sort the words above into this matrix:

Words with [g] spelled . . .

	<g>	<gg>
Words with a short vowel sound before the [g]		
Words with a long vowel sound before the [g]		

[Figure3]

5. In words with a [g] followed by <le>, the [g] will be spelled _____ if it has a short vowel in front of it; if it has a long vowel or a consonant in front of it, it will be spelled _____.

Review (Answers)

1.

Word	= Analysis
jogger	= <i>jog</i> + <i>g</i> + <i>er</i>
shrugged	= <i>shrug</i> + <i>g</i> + <i>ed</i>
aggression	= <i>a</i> <i>g</i> + <i>g</i> + <i>gression</i>
luggage	= <i>lug</i> + <i>g</i> + <i>age</i>
snuggies	= <i>snug</i> + <i>g</i> + <i>y</i> + <i>i</i> + <i>es</i>

Word	= Analysis
aggravate	= a g + g + gravate
waterlogged	= waterlog + g + ed
maggot	= VCC
reggae	= VCC
baggage	= bag + g + age
toboggan	= VCC
bowlegged	= bowleg + g + ed
debugging	= debug + g + ing
jiggish	= jig + g + ish
draggy	= drag + g + y

2.

Words with [g] spelled <gg> because of . . .

Assimilation	Twinning		VCC
aggression	jogger	bowlegged	maggot
aggravate	shrugged	debugging	reggae
	luggage	jiggish	toboggan
	snuggies	draggy	
	waterlogged		
	baggage		

3.

jiggle vccl	bugle vcl	jungle vccl	bedraggled vccl
joggle vccl	smuggle vccl	angle vccl	single vccl
struggle vccl	wriggle vccl	ogle vcl	boondoggle vccl

4.

Words with [g] spelled . . .

	<g>	<gg>
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	<g>	<gg>
Words with a short vowel sound before the [g]	<i>jungle</i> <i>angle</i> <i>single</i>	<i>jiggle</i> <i>joggle</i> <i>struggle</i> <i>smuggle</i> <i>wriggle</i> <i>bedraggled</i> <i>boondoggle</i>
Words with a long vowel sound before the [g]	<i>bugle</i> <i>ogle</i>	

5. In words with a [g] followed by <le>, the [g] will be spelled ≤gg≥ if it has a short vowel in front of it; if it has a long vowel or a consonant in front of it, it will be spelled ≤g≥.

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