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<dle> after long vowels or consonants and <ddle> after short vowels

Words with <ddle> and <dle>



When there is an <le> right after a [d] and a consonant or long vowel sound right in front of it, the [d] is spelled <d>. But when there is an <le> right after a [d] and a short vowel sound right in front of it, the [d] is spelled <dd>.

Examples

The following words are spelled <le> after <d>.

noodle swindle needle candle spindle

The following words are spelled <le> after <dd>.

griddle cuddle peddle saddle riddle

Review

1. Read these words aloud carefully and sort them into the table below.

huddle	cradle	saddle	handle
eddies	needle	meddle	suddenness
pudding	addict	candle	middle
odds	kindle	bundle	shuddered
poodle	idle	riddle	noodle

Words that end <dle> or <ddle>			Words that do not end <dle> or <ddle>

[Figure1]

Now, look at the six words that do not end <dle> or <ddle>. Mark the first vowel in each of them with a 'v.' Then mark the next two letters, either 'c' or 'v.'

2. You should find one pattern. What pattern is it? _____. According to this pattern, should the first vowel be long or should it be short? _____. In these six words is the first vowel always long or is it short? _____

3. In the VCC/e pattern the vowel is _____, but in the VC/e pattern the vowel is _____.

4. Now sort the fourteen words that end either <dle> or <ddle> into the following matrix.

	Words in which the [d] comes right after a . . .		
	consonant sound	long vowel sound	short vowel sound
Words with [d] spelled <d>			
Words with [d] spelled <dd>			

[Figure2]

Review (Answers)

1.

Words that end <dle> or <ddle>			Words that do not end <dle> or <ddle>
<i>huddle</i>	<i>saddle</i>	<i>riddle</i>	<i>eddies</i> vcc
<i>poodle</i>	<i>meddle</i>	<i>handle</i>	<i>pudding</i> vcc
<i>cradle</i>	<i>candle</i>	<i>middle</i>	<i>odds</i> vcc
<i>needle</i>	<i>bundle</i>	<i>noodle</i>	<i>addict</i> vcc
<i>kindle</i>			<i>suddenness</i> vcc
<i>idle</i>			<i>shuddered</i> vcc

2. You should find one pattern. What pattern is it? VCC. According to this pattern, should the first vowel be long or should it be short? short In these six words is the first vowel always long or is it short? short

3. In the VCCle pattern the vowel is short, but in the VCle pattern the vowel is long.

4.

Words in which the [d] comes right after a ...

	consonant sound	long vowel sound	short vowel sound
Words with [d] spelled <d>	<i>kindle</i> <i>candle</i> <i>bundle</i> <i>handle</i>	<i>poodle</i> <i>cradle</i> <i>needle</i> <i>idle</i> <i>noodle</i>	
Words with [d] spelled <dd>			<i>huddle</i> <i>saddle</i> <i>meddle</i> <i>riddle</i> <i>middle</i>

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