

# [I] Spelled or

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## [l] Spelled <l> or <ll>

<ll> due to assimilation, simple addition, or the VCC pattern

### [l] Spelled <l> or <ll>



[Figure1]

The sound [l] can be spelled <ll> for a few reasons, including simple addition and [assimilation](#).

## Examples

Sometimes when you add a suffix that starts with <l> to a stem that ends in <l>, you get <ll> because of simple addition: *heel* + *less* = *heelless*.

Sometimes when you add a prefix to a word that starts with <l>, the last letter of the prefix assimilates: *com* + *lect* = *collect*.

## Review

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

|              |              |            |             |
|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| finally      | collie       | taillight  | dollar      |
| cathedral    | collapse     | allegiance | ability     |
| respectfully | allies       | annually   | shallowness |
| jewellike    | followers    | college    | illogically |
| ballads      | illustration | lieutenant | colleague   |

2. Sort these twenty words into these two groups.

Words in which [l] is spelled . . .

| <l> | <ll> |  |  |
|-----|------|--|--|
|     |      |  |  |
|     |      |  |  |
|     |      |  |  |
|     |      |  |  |
|     |      |  |  |
|     |      |  |  |

[Figure2]

3. Seven of the seventeen words with [l] spelled <ll> have the <ll> in them because of assimilation in the prefix. In three of them the <m> in *com-* has changed to an <l>. In two the <d> in *ad-* has changed to an <l>. In two the <n> in *in-* has changed to an <l>. Find these seven words and sort them into these three groups.

Words with . . .

| <i>ad-</i> assimilated to<br><i>al-</i> | <i>com-</i> assimilated<br>to <i>col-</i> | <i>in-</i> assimilated to<br><i>il-</i> |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                         |                                           |                                         |
|                                         |                                           |                                         |
|                                         |                                           |                                         |

[Figure3]

4. Five of the sixteen words that contain <ll> have two <l>s because in them a suffix that starts with an <l> has been added to a stem that ends with <l>. Find the five and sort them into these two groups.

Words with the suffix . . .

| <i>-like</i> | <i>-ly</i> |
|--------------|------------|
|              |            |
|              |            |
|              |            |
|              |            |

[Figure4]

5. Among the words with [l] spelled <ll> there is one compound word in which the <ll> is due to simple addition. That word is \_\_\_\_\_.

6. There are also five words with [l] spelled <ll> because of the VCC pattern at work. List them.



[Figure5]

## Review (Answers)

1.

|                     |                     |                   |                    |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <i>finally</i>      | <i>collie</i>       | <i>taillight</i>  | <i>dollar</i>      |
| <i>cathedral</i>    | <i>collapse</i>     | <i>allegiance</i> | <i>ability</i>     |
| <i>respectfully</i> | <i>allies</i>       | <i>annually</i>   | <i>shallowness</i> |
| <i>jewellike</i>    | <i>followers</i>    | <i>college</i>    | <i>illogically</i> |
| <i>ballads</i>      | <i>illustration</i> | <i>lieutenant</i> | <i>colleague</i>   |

2.

### Words in which [I] is spelled ...

| <I>               | <II>                |                     |                    |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <i>cathedral</i>  | <i>finally</i>      | <i>allies</i>       | <i>college</i>     |
| <i>lieutenant</i> | <i>respectfully</i> | <i>followers</i>    | <i>dollar</i>      |
| <i>ability</i>    | <i>jewellike</i>    | <i>illustration</i> | <i>shallowness</i> |
|                   | <i>ballads</i>      | <i>taillight</i>    | <i>illogically</i> |
|                   | <i>collie</i>       | <i>allegiance</i>   | <i>colleague</i>   |
|                   | <i>collapse</i>     | <i>annually</i>     |                    |

3.

### Words with ...

| <b>ad-</b> assimilated to <b>al-</b> | <b>com-</b> assimilated to <b>col-</b> | <b>in-</b> assimilated to <b>il-</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>allies</i>                        | <i>collapse</i>                        | <i>illustration</i>                  |
| <i>allegiance</i>                    | <i>college</i>                         | <i>illogically</i>                   |
|                                      | <i>colleague</i>                       |                                      |

4.

### Words with the suffix...

| <b>-like</b>     | <b>-ly</b>          |
|------------------|---------------------|
| <i>jewellike</i> | <i>finally</i>      |
|                  | <i>respectfully</i> |
|                  | <i>annually</i>     |
|                  | <i>illogically</i>  |

5. Among the words with [I] spelled <II> there is one compound word in which the <II> is due to simple addition. That word is taillight.

6. There are also five words with [l] spelled <ll> because of the VCC pattern at work.

*ballads*     *collie*     *followers*     *dollar*     *shallowness*

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