Double letters: answers and notes

What your child practised: short words where f, l, s and z come straight after one short vowel, and are spelt ff, ll, ss and zz (Year 1 spelling).

Page 1 · Warm up

off well miss fizz

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary, e.g. **ff:** off, puff, cliff **ll:** bell, doll, shell **ss:** dress, glass **zz:** fizz, buzz

Page 2 · A. Right spelling

bell dress buzz hill
kiss puff will jazz

Page 3 · B. Missing letters

shell fizz cliff

Page 3 · C. Rhymes

Answers will vary, e.g. bell: **well, tell, sell** · hill: **fill, will, mill** · mess: **less, press** · puff: **huff, cuff**

Page 3 · D. Draw an ll word

Answers will vary, e.g. a **bell**, a **doll**, a **shell**, a **hill**.

Challenge: No. The end sounds buzzy, like a bee, so it is **zz**: **fizz**.

Watch out for

- **One letter instead of two** ("bel" for bell). Ask: "Is it a short word with one short vowel before the end? Then double it."
- **s for the buzzy z sound** ("fiss" for fizz). Make a bee noise together: zzz. That buzzy sound is zz.
- **Rule-breakers:** if, pal, us, bus and yes have just one letter. They are worth learning by heart.

Going further (no paper)

- **Rhyme chains:** say bell, then take turns: well, tell, sell, fell… How long can you keep going?
- **Spell it out loud:** spell "buzz", "off" and "kiss" aloud, and say "double z", "double f", "double s".
- **In the game:** Chapter 2 spells the k sound at the end with ck, as in back, duck and sock.