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Double letters

Some short words end with two letters the same: ff, ll, ss or zz.

1 Learn



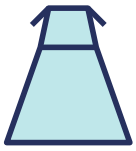
In a short word, after one short vowel, we write **ff**, **ll**, **ss** or **zz** at the end. Two letters, one sound!



cli**ff**



be**ll**



dre**ss**



bu**zz**

Let's spell hill

1. Say it slowly: **h – i – ll**.
2. Is it short, with one short vowel (**i**) before the **l** sound? Yes!
3. So write two: hi**ll**

Flip's tip: listen for a buzzing bee sound at the end. That's **zz**, not ss: buzz, fizz.

Warm up: draw a ring round the double letters.

off well miss fizz

Grown-ups: a few short words break the rule: if, pal, us, bus and yes. Just learn those ones.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Double letter hunt

You need: a pencil, and things around your home.

1. Hunt for things whose names end in **ff**, **ll**, **ss** or **zz**: a bell, a doll, a dress, a glass, a fizzy drink.
2. Say each word slowly. Listen for the short vowel before the end.
3. Write each word in the right box below. Can you fill every box?

ff	ll	ss	zz

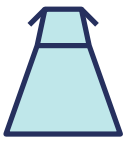
Grown-ups: the zz box is the hardest. Try "fizz", "buzz" or "jazz". Say "off" and "puff" for ff.

3 Practise

A. Draw a ring round the right spelling.



bel bell



dress dres



buss buzz



hill hil

kis kiss

puff puf

wil will

jazz jass

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B. Write the missing double letters: **ff**, **ll**, **ss** or **zz**.



she ☐



fi ☐



cli ☐

C. Write a word that rhymes. It ends the same way!

bell → _____ **hill** → _____

mess → _____ **puff** → _____

D. Draw something whose name ends in **ll**. Write its name.

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Challenge

Sam wrote **fiss** for a fizzy drink.
Is that right? What should it be?

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I can... Tick when you can.

- ☐ hear f, l, s or z at the end of a short word
- ☐ spell it with two letters: ff, ll, ss, zz
- ☐ tell a buzzy zz from ss