



Rule 12: 'll' ending



Parent information

- This teaching resource is organised into four sections:
1) Explanation of the rule **2)** Examples of key words that fit the rule **3)** Opportunities to practise **4)** Further examples of commonly used words following the rule & some notable exceptions.
- These slides are intended as a starting point for teaching this rule. The lists of words given at the end might be used for card sorting exercises or a variety of spelling games.
- Words ending in **'able'** and **'ible'** are covered in **Rule 24**.



1) Rule 12: Explanation

How is the 'll' sound spelt at the end of these words?

bottle feeble candle giggle bundle

When you add 'le', the 'l' is a *loser* – it won't help protect lonely vowels from the 'e'!

If the vowel is alone, it still needs two other consonants to protect it!

buble > bubble sadle > saddle

THINK: What would these say WITHOUT the extra consonant?



1) Rule 12: Explanation

The 'l' is a *loser* – it won't help protect lonely vowels from the 'e'!

BUT... some words NEED the vowel to say its name so we DON'T double the consonant.

table rifle cable bible title

THINK: What would these say if we DID double the consonant?

2) Rule 12: Examples

Remember: The 'l' is a *loser* – it won't help protect lonely vowels from the 'e'!

Which words have had the consonant doubled?

Why? What would they say otherwise?

settle

angle

noble

double

needle

puzzle

jungle

topple

THINK: Which word has a vowel saying its name?
What would it say with the consonant doubled?

3) Rule 12: Practice

Remember: The 'l' is a *loser* – it won't help protect lonely vowels from the 'e'!

(Watch out for where vowels NEED to say their name!)

Starter

ap ____

beet ____

tab ____

simp ____

mid ____

Challenge 1

doub ____

shuf ____

stumb ____

hud ____

bib ____

Challenge 2

scramb ____

rif ____

throt ____

peop ____

strug ____

THINK: How many other 'll' words can you think of?

4) Rule 12: Further examples

Consonant is doubled before 'le'

little	gobble
middle	pebble
struggle	ripple
bottle	rubble
settle	huddle
apple	topple
bubble	riddle
kettle	raffle
puzzle	hassle
saddle	cuddle
shuffle	throttle
giggle	wriggle
fiddle	dazzle

Consonant is not doubled

people	bundle
simple	jungle
couple	tremble
single	tumble
double	hurdle
angle	stumble
tackle	scramble
temple	gamble
needle	chuckle
purple	beetle
candle	trickle
gentle	tangle
marble	crumble

Consonant is not doubled (Vowel says its name)

table
able
title
bible
cable
trifle
cradle
stable
noble
fable
side
rifle

Exceptions

Some words have silent letters. E.g. 'isle', 'muscle', castle, whistle.

'triple' and 'treble' do not have a double consonant.

Some words end in 'el' or 'al'. E.g. towel, travel, metal, animal, total.

Encourage pupils to use a 'spelling voice' to help them spell the ending correctly.

A few words end in 'il'.
E.g. pencil, fossil

NOTE: Words ending in 'able' and 'ible' are covered in **Rule 24.**