

This week, we have been learning to read and spell words containing **-al** and **-il** saying /l/.



Level 6

The /l/ Sound Family

al

al is sometimes used when the /l/ sound is at the end of some words that have more than one syllable.

It is often used after **c, m, n, r, v, w, sh, ch, th** and **qu**.

local
rival

al and **el** follow similar spelling rules so you need to learn which one to use.

l

This spelling is often used at the beginning or in the middle of words.

It is sometimes used at the end of words after some vowel digraphs.

look
sleep
cool

il

il is sometimes used when the /l/ sound is at the end of some words that have more than one syllable.

pupil
fossil

il is used less often than **al**.

ll

This spelling is used at the end of one-syllable words with a short vowel sound. It is sometimes used in the middle of longer words and also in compound words.

doll
umbrella
windmill
hillside

el

el is sometimes used when the /l/ sound is at the end of words that have more than one syllable and where it follows a consonant. **el** is used less often than **le**.

towel
tassel
parcel

**le**

le is sometimes used when the /l/ sound is at the end of words that have more than one syllable and where it follows a consonant. **le** is used more often than **el**.

giggle
apple
table

If the **le** word has a short vowel sound, the consonant before the **le** is doubled, e.g. giggle.

If the **le** word has a long vowel sound, then the consonant before the **le** is single, e.g. table.

Common Exception Words

We have been learning to spell the common exception words **busy** and **clothes**.

Grammar

Just like for the names of people, places need capital letters too. It is the name of a place, e.g.

London

Oak **T**ree **S**chool

These words are called proper nouns.

Word List

festival

total

pupil

April

medal

local

pencil

nostril

-al and -il saying /l/ Word and Picture Match



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Read the word and draw a line to match it to the correct picture.

medal

nostril

animal

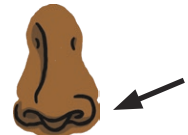
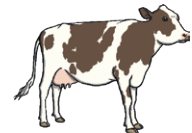
fossil

petal

pencil

April

magical



Can you write one sentence using an **-al** word and one sentence using an **-il** word?
