Spelling list: *II* words

Towards the end of a word, it's sometimes necessary to repeat a *consonant* when there's a *short vowel sound*. This occurs in spelling when the *short vowel sound* is followed by specific letters: *f*, *s*, and *l*.

In the words listed here, the / is doubled after the short vowel sound .

Consider the word *bell* which contains a short /e/ sound and concludes with an / sound. This mandates the usage of a double / in its spelling.

Similarly, in the word *fill*, there's a short /*i*/ sound before the *I* sound, which indicates the need for a double *I* as well.

Say these *II* words aloud as you learn them. Can you hear the short vowel sound?

bell	I attached a new bell to my bicycle.
fell	I grazed my knuckles when I fell off my bike.
sell	Jack had to sell the cow.
smell	Can you smell burning?
tell	The child refused to tell the truth.
well	She looks fit and well .
fill	Fill the bath with hot water.
kill	Cats often kill birds.
still	He's over 90 but his mind is still sharp.
will	I will miss you when you go away.
doll	Jill gave her sister a doll on her birthday.
bull	A male elephant is called a bull .
pull	The sign on the door said pull .
ball	Roll the ball to me.
call	Please wait while I make a call .

fall	I don't want to fall off my bike.
hall	We have a large mirror in our hall .
small	There was a small puff of smoke from the fire.
tall	The giraffe was very tall .
wall	Don't kick that ball over my wall .