Spelling list: Longer words with ss

This word list focuses on longer words that feature a double *s* . The general rule is straightforward: when a short vowel sound is followed by *s* , the letter *s* is doubled.

Key examples include:

address: In this case, the double s follows the short vowel /e/.

asset: Here again, you can see the doubling in action. The letters ss follow a short /a/ sound

fossil: This word includes a short /o/followed by the ss spelling pattern.

As you complete the activities, reflect on how this doubling enhances the pronunciation and flow of each word. Practising these examples will not only bolster your spelling skills but also enrich your understanding of language nuances.

across We had to wade **across** the stream.

address What is your new home **address**?

assess A test will **assess** how well you are doing.

asset The new player is a great **asset** to the team.

distress The ship sent out a **distress** signal.

fossil Courtney found a **fossil** on the beach.

impress He dressed smartly to **impress** his clients.

compress You need to **compress** your notes into fewer pages.