Spelling list: The I sound after a vowel

When the I sound makes an extra syllable after a vowel, it is spelled al or el.

denial She was in **denial** about losing her job.

dial She had to **dial** the correct telephone number.

jovial He was in a **jovial** mood.

material Rubber is a flexible material.

trial The police managed to collate the evidence in time for the **trial**.

actual The **actual** results were unknown.

factual I prefer **factual** books to fiction.

gradual There was a **gradual** increase in the average grades of the class.

manual I followed the instructions in the **manual**.

ritual My morning **ritual** involves lots of coffee.

usual It is **usual** for dessert to be eaten after the main course.

virtual He plays lots of **virtual** games .

visual She was an expert in the field of **visual** arts.

loyal David has been a **loyal** friend for many years.

royal The **royal** family lives in that palace.

fuel This truck's engine runs on diesel **fuel** .