

**Focus learning: -al (/l/ or /əl/) at the end of words.**

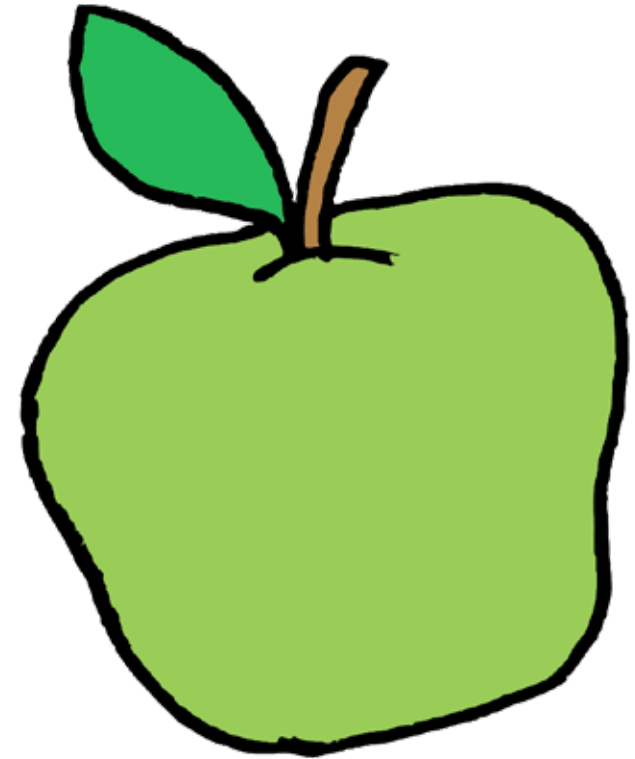
**Learning objective: To know that -al is a less common way of spelling /l/ at the end of a word.**

- Explain that today we will learning a different way of spelling the /l/ sound at the end of words.
- Display the posters with 'le' and 'el'. Remind children that when the /l/ sound occurs at the end of a word, it is most often written 'le' but can sometimes be written as 'el'. This usually makes the schwa sound.
- Now show children the poster with 'al' and the metal.
- Explain that 'al' is another less common spelling of this sound. It usually follows m, n, r, v, sh, ch, th, qu.
- Explain that not many nouns end in 'al' but lots of adjectives do.
- Explain that the children will now hunt for words ending with 'al' hidden in a word search.
- Ensure that each child has a mini-whiteboard or something to write on.
- Display a large copy of the wordsearch and set a five minute timer. The children are to find as many words as possible and write them on their whiteboard. Alternatively, give children a printed copy of the wordsearch for them to complete.
- When the timer is finished, select children to read words they have found. Circle them on the display copy.
- Remind children that when the /l/ sound occurs at the end of a word, it is most often written 'le' but can sometimes be written as 'el'. This usually makes the schwa sound.

le



The most common spelling of /l/ at the end of a word.



apple

# e l



Not as common.

Usually after m, n, r, v, w, sh, ch, th, qu.



# camel

# al



Not as common.  
Usually after m, n, r, v, sh, ch, th, qu.



# metal

Rule to remember: At the end of a word, the /l/ sound is most often written 'le'. It can also be written 'el' and 'al'.

a	h	s	m	e	t	a	l	d
c	o	r	a	l	f	n	g	h
j	s	k	l	z	x	i	c	v
b	p	n	m	q	w	m	e	r
f	i	n	a	l	t	a	y	u
i	t	o	p	a	s	l	d	f
g	a	h	j	e	q	u	a	l
f	l	o	r	a	l	k	l	z
x	c	v	b	n	o	v	a	l



al



# Answers

a	h	s	<del>m</del>	<del>e</del>	<del>t</del>	<del>a</del>	<del>l</del>	d
<del>c</del>	<del>o</del>	<del>r</del>	<del>a</del>	<del>l</del>	f	n	g	h
j	s	k	l	z	x	i	c	v
b	p	n	m	q	w	m	e	r
<del>f</del>	<del>i</del>	<del>n</del>	<del>a</del>	<del>l</del>	<del>t</del>	a	y	u
i	t	o	p	a	s	l	d	f
g	a	h	j	<del>e</del>	<del>q</del>	<del>u</del>	<del>a</del>	<del>l</del>
<del>f</del>	<del>i</del>	<del>o</del>	<del>r</del>	<del>a</del>	<del>l</del>	k	l	z
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