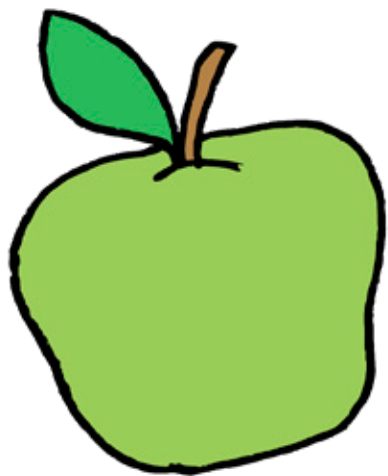


Focus learning: -il (/ɪ/ or /əl/) at the end of words.

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

- Explain that today we will learning a different way of spelling the /ɪ/ sound at the end of words.
- Remind children that when the /ɪ/ sound occurs at the end of a word, it is most often written 'le' but can sometimes be written as 'el' and 'al'. This usually makes the schwa sound.
- Display the poster showing the four ways of spelling /ɪ/ at the end of words.
- Ask if children can spot the new spelling. Draw attention to the 'il' at the end of *pencil*.
- Explain that the 'il' spelling is the rarest of the four, but you can still find it in some words.
- Display the poster showing the selection of 'il' words.
- Read through the words with the children.
- Ensure that every child has a mini-whiteboard or something to write on.
- Display the page 'I use a _____ to write a letter to a friend'.
- Ask the children to read the sentence and write the missing word on their whiteboard.
- Display the version with the complete sentence. Award children with one point if they were correct.
- Repeat with the remaining three sentences.
- Draw children's attention again to the poster showing the four spellings for /ɪ/ at the end of words.
- Remind children that when the /ɪ/ sound occurs at the end of a word, it is most often written 'le' but can sometimes be written as 'el', 'al' and 'il'. 'il' is the least common of the four. These spellings usually make the schwa sound.



apple

le



camel

el



metal

al



pencil

il

-il words

pencil basil pupil

fossil gerbil lentil

nostril anvil April

evil stencil tranquil

I use a _____ to
write a letter to
a friend.

I use a pencil to
write a letter to
a friend.

If you smash a
rock you might
find a _____.

If you smash a
rock you might
find a fossil.

Have you ever
tried a yummy
_____ curry?

Have you ever
tried a yummy
lentil curry?

Fresh _____ is
much better than
dried _____.

Fresh basil is
much better than
dried basil.