

Teacher Notes

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- consonant-le syllables
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- doubling of consonant spellings that signal the short sound for the preceding vowel
- one consonant sound between two vowels with the first vowel having its long sound
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- vowel-vowel patterns (each vowel sound is present)
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Students complete phonetic analyses with assistance as needed.

gruff g r u f f	scoff s c o f f	rudder r u d d e r	gallant g a l l a n t
pellet p e l l e t	rubbish r u b b i s h	flatter f l a t t e r	gape g a p e
cannon c a n n o n	cuddle c u d d l e	option o p t i o n	backfire b a c k f i r e
guzzle g u z z l e	fury f u r y	chalk c h a l k	

Word List	Match the word to the correct definition
gruff	A small hard object.
scoff	To compliment excessively.
rudder	Trash.
gallant	To drink quickly.
pellet	A device used to steer a boat or airplane.
rubbish	To express doubt in a way that is jeering.
flatter	To hug a person for a while.
gape	To cause a result opposite of what was intended.
cannon	Brave or heroic.
cuddle	Soft, white limestone, typically used for writing or drawing.
option	Serious and apparently unfriendly.
backfire	A choice.
guzzle	A gun with a large barrel.
fury	Wild anger.
chalk	To open one's mouth wide.

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^{ae u} fracas	^{exert}	^{extinguish}	^{exaggerate}
^{exceed}	^{excel}	^{dome}	

Word List	Match the word to the correct definition
final	A college with programs beyond the Bachelor's degree.
defy	A rounded roof.
university	A small fight or disagreement.
stationary	Still.
stationery	Last.
latter	To refuse to obey.
vast	Coming after.
mammoth	Very large.
fracas	To go beyond (a standard).
exert	To put out, or stop.
extinguish	To strain or work hard.
exaggerate	Great in size or extent.
exceed	To do very well.
excel	Paper on which messages are written.
dome	To describe as larger or greater than is real.