

VV

Vowel-Vowel Pattern

COMBINATIONS WITH **vc** AND **vc̄**

Within the **vv** pattern, there are many combinations. In many, the two vowels combine to make new sounds. However, four of the combinations follow this rule:

When two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking (says its name), and the second one is silent.

This lesson has one, two, and three-syllable words. At least one syllable in each word is in the **vv** pattern (**ai**, **ea**, **ee**, or **oa**). You will also use the **vc** and the **vc̄** patterns. Remember, two-syllable words have two spelling patterns and three-syllable words have three patterns.

Note: If a one-syllable word ends with one vowel followed by an **f**, **l**, or **s**, and sometimes a **z**, you MUST double the consonant.

fall
tell

stuff
tiff

less
toss

fizz
buzz

Words

1. **abstain**
vc **vv**

6. **absentee**
vc **vc̄** **vv**

2. **plaintiff**
vv **vc**

7. **beeline**
vv **vc̄**

3. **painless**
vv **vc**

8. **roadblock**
vv **vc**

4. **plead**
vv

9. **boast**
vv

5. **squeamish**
vv **vc**

10. **encroach**
vc **vv**

