

Spelling list: The / sound after a vowel

When the / sound makes an extra syllable after a vowel, it is spelled *a/* or *e/* .

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 .