

# One Consonant or Two?

Consonants are bullies and the poor vowel is  
the bullied!

What are the vowels?

a e i o u

# Read the two words below:

- Hoping
- Hopping
- Listen to the O sound in Hoping. It says its own name – hOping.
- Now listen to the O sound in Hopping – hopping – it shortens its name!

# Why?

- Well the consonants are bullies! When there is only one consonant, the vowel is brave enough to say its own name....
- But when there are two...?
- The vowel is scared, frightened, bullied, too scared in fact to say its own name!
- The Two Ps gang up on the O and the poor vowel changes his name!

# Its not just the Ps and the Os!

- Read these two words:
- Writing
- Written
- Look, when there is only one consonant, the vowel is brave enough to say its own name –
- wr I ting
- As soon as there are two Ts, the I changes its name!

# Here are some more!

- Read these words aloud:
- Riding
- Ridding
- Moping
- Mopping
- Coping
- Copping

# Listen to the Vowel!

- So listen to the sound of the vowel. If it says its own name, there is only one consonant.
- If the vowel is scared and changes his name, there are two consonants!
- Consonants? They are bullies!



# Test

- Listen closely to the sound of the vowel, then try to write down the correct spelling:
- Biting
- Hitting
- Loving
- Hating
- Kissing
- Wishing
- Wiping