

## Short Vowel Sounds

## Connections

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## THINKING

**Read** the spelling words and sentences.

## short a

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## short e

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## short i

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## short o

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## short u

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1. magic

*magic*

2. credit

*credit*

3. exist

*exist*

4. deposit

*deposit*

5. staff

*staff*

6. direct

*direct*

7. splendid

*splendid*

8. business

*business*

9. sense

*sense*

10. discuss

*discuss*

11. contest

*contest*

12. building

*building*

13. swift

*swift*

14. interest

*interest*

15. exact

*exact*

16. promise

*promise*

17. habit

*habit*

18. thus

*thus*

19. active

*active*

20. solve

*solve*Jane has learned to do **magic** tricks.He got **credit** for his heroic effort.Turtles can **exist** on land or in water.We can **deposit** the money at the bank.Five new nurses joined the **staff**.Sam took a **direct** flight to Nigeria.A **splendid** rainbow framed the falls.Ellen took on the family **business**.Jonas could **sense** Dana behind him.Can we **discuss** the problem calmly?Claire won the spelling **contest**.Landscaping surrounded the **building**.The deer made a **swift** departure.Mark has no **interest** in football.At that **exact** moment, the bell rang.Robert made a **promise** he could keep.Kim makes a **habit** of speaking politely.I just ate. **Thus**, I am not hungry.Granddad remained **active** by cycling.Sherlock Holmes can **solve** the case.**Think & Sort** the spelling words.1–5. Write the words with the **short a** sound in the accented syllable.6–9. Write the words with the **short e** sound in the accented syllable.10–14. Write the words with the **short i** sound in the accented syllable.15–18. Write the words with the **short o** sound in the accented syllable.19–20. Write the words with the **short u** sound in the accented syllable.**Remember**

Short vowel sounds can be spelled in a variety of ways. Listening for the vowel in the accented syllable may help you spell these words.

**Spelling Tutor**



## Word Meanings

Write the spelling word that fits each clue.

1. If you feel this, you pay attention.
2. This place of shelter is made by people.
3. Money is offered for goods or services.
4. This means "very fast."
5. This is the opposite of **nonsense**.
6. If you do this, the mystery will be cleared up.
7. One meaning of this word is "a walking stick."



## Word Structure

Write the spelling word that solves each equation.

8. them - em + us = \_\_\_\_\_
9. disc + us + s = \_\_\_\_\_
10. create - ate + dit = \_\_\_\_\_
11. image - i - e + ic = \_\_\_\_\_

## Related Words

Write the spelling word for each related word.

12. depository
13. splendor
14. indirectly
15. existence

### Use the Thesaurus

A **synonym** is a word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word. A **thesaurus** is a collection of synonyms. Look up an entry word in a thesaurus just as you would with a dictionary. You will see a list of synonyms for the entry word.

Write a spelling word that is a synonym for each of the following words.

- |                 |            |             |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| 16. competition | 18. custom | 20. precise |
| 17. lively      | 19. pledge |             |

## Word Meanings

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Word Structure

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## Related Words

12. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Use the Thesaurus

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## Complete the Analogies

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## Make Inferences

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## Use Context Clues

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interest  
activestaff  
discuss  
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## Complete the Analogies

Write a spelling word to complete each analogy.

1. Horse is to ride as problem is to \_\_\_\_.

2. Do is to act as be is to \_\_\_\_.

3. Pen is to writing as trick is to \_\_\_\_.

4. Foggy is to clear as vague is to \_\_\_\_.

5. Remove is to add as withdraw is to \_\_\_\_.

6. Bad is to good as horrid is to \_\_\_\_.



## Make Inferences

Write a spelling word to complete each sentence.

7. Who will judge the skating \_\_\_\_?

8. Please enter on the right side of the \_\_\_\_.

9. I am trying to break my nail-biting \_\_\_\_.

10. We were successful; \_\_\_\_, the audience cheered.

11. Charlie's good \_\_\_\_ saved the sailors.

12. Maggie deserves \_\_\_\_ for that speech.

13. Mr. Kumar is an \_\_\_\_ member of several charities.

## Use Context Clues

Write a spelling word from the box to fill each blank in the paragraph.

Here is a chance for you to learn to sell tacos. You must have an 14. in Mexican food. You will have 15. contact with our cooking 16.. We promise customers 17. delivery. If you can 18. to work six hours a week, stop in to 19. this great 20. opportunity.

promise  
business  
staff  
interest  
discuss  
direct  
swift



## Proofread a Company Brochure

Proofread the company brochure below for ten misspelled words. Then rewrite the company brochure. Write the spelling words correctly and make the corrections indicated by the proofreading marks.

### Grand Opening

¶ We at Kids count Bank announce the grand opening of our new bilding. The friendly steff will proemise to soalve all your banking problems. We offer rates <sup>that</sup> will grow rapidly with the ~~Money~~ you depusit. We will send you a ~~the~~ statement each time we cradit your account with the exect amount of intrest you earned. We want your busness, so call today to discus opening an account!

#### Proofreading Marks

≡	Make Uppercase
/	Make Lowercase
^	Add
~	Delete
◉	Add a Period
¶	Indent

## Opinion Writing

### Write a Company Brochure

Write a brochure to sell a product. First decide what is good about the product your company is selling. Ask others what they like about it. Use as many spelling words as you can.

- Use the writing process: prewrite, draft, revise, edit, and publish.
- Decide who will buy the product. Target your message to that audience.
- Give evidence of the product's good qualities. Use sound reasoning.
- Edit your draft for complete sentences with correct capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and spelling.
- Use the **Spelling Dictionary** in this book or an online dictionary to check spelling.

### Transfer

Find five words from your brochure that have **short vowel sounds**. Write the words in your Spelling Journal and circle the letters used to spell the short vowel sounds.



# Extend & Transfer

## Word Study

### Pattern Power

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### Base Words

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brick	business	promise	deposit	active	secretary
collar	sense	thus	staff	consider	treasurer
edge	discuss	solve	splendid	excellent	senate
pass	building	magic	contest	invisible	cashier
trust	interest	credit	swift	rapid	summon
direct	exact	exist	habit	stubborn	vanish

### Pattern Power

Use words from the spelling list above to complete these exercises.

1–10. Write the words that contain the **short e** sound. Circle the word that is a homophone for **cents**.

11–15. Write the words that contain the **short u** sound.

### Base Words

Write the spelling word that is a base word for one of these words.

16. swiftness

19. activation

17. magical

20. existence

18. habitual



## Math



# Word Hunt

Read the paragraphs below. Look for words with four or more letters and short vowel sounds.

It's never too early to open a savings account. You can have an account at a bank, a savings and loan, or a credit union. You can also have an online savings account. Saving money is not difficult if you make it a habit, but why should you? It makes good business sense. Consider this: You deposit \$5 a month, every month for five years. How much will you have saved?

$$5 \times 12 = 60. 60 \times 5 = 300$$

There's more. While you're saving money, you're building interest. Interest is what the bank pays you to use your money. The bank makes a promise to pay you a certain amount yearly. Here's an example:

You save \$60 the first year, and you get 2 percent interest.

$$60 \times .02 = 1.20$$

So, the first year you make \$1.20. The bank pays interest on your interest and on your deposit. Over five years you would have about \$318. That's excellent.

Suppose you want to save for something special. You know making money isn't magic. You currently have \$318 in your savings account. You start doing odd jobs, such as walking dogs and mowing lawns. If you save \$40 a month, in seven more years, you could have more than \$4,000!



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## WORD SORT

- 1–10. Write the words that contain **short i** spelled **i**. Write each word only once. Circle the words that also have a **short e** sound. Check your answers in a print or online dictionary.