

Short Vowel Sounds

Connections to THINKING

Read the spelling words and sentences.

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short o

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short u

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| 1. magic | <i>magic</i> | Jane has learned to do magic tricks. |
| 2. credit | <i>credit</i> | He got credit for his heroic effort. |
| 3. exist | <i>exist</i> | Turtles can exist on land or in water. |
| 4. deposit | <i>deposit</i> | We can deposit the money at the bank. |
| 5. staff | <i>staff</i> | Five new nurses joined the staff . |
| 6. direct | <i>direct</i> | Sam took a direct flight to Nigeria. |
| 7. splendid | <i>splendid</i> | A splendid rainbow framed the falls. |
| 8. business | <i>business</i> | Ellen took on the family business . |
| 9. sense | <i>sense</i> | Jonas could sense Dana behind him. |
| 10. discuss | <i>discuss</i> | Can we discuss the problem calmly? |
| 11. contest | <i>contest</i> | Claire won the spelling contest . |
| 12. building | <i>building</i> | Landscaping surrounded the building . |
| 13. swift | <i>swift</i> | The deer made a swift departure. |
| 14. interest | <i>interest</i> | Mark has no interest in football. |
| 15. exact | <i>exact</i> | At that exact moment, the bell rang. |
| 16. promise | <i>promise</i> | Robert made a promise he could keep. |
| 17. habit | <i>habit</i> | Kim makes a habit of speaking politely. |
| 18. thus | <i>thus</i> | I just ate. Thus , I am not hungry. |
| 19. active | <i>active</i> | Granddad remained active by cycling. |
| 20. solve | <i>solve</i> | 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.

Connections to VOCABULARY

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 Meanings

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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

Word Structure

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Related Words

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Use the Thesaurus

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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
17. lively
18. custom
19. pledge
20. precise

magic
direct
contest
promise

credit
splendid
building
habit

exist
business
swift
thus

deposit
sense
interest
active

staff
discuss
exact
solve

Complete the Analogies

1. _____
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Make Inferences

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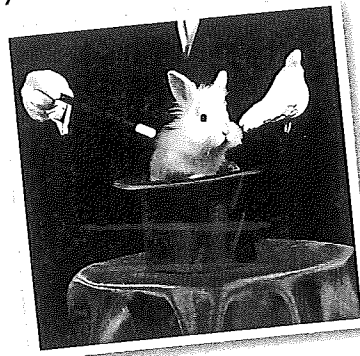
Use Context Clues

14. _____
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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

Connections to WRITING

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 ^{that} will grow rapidly with the Money you depusit. We will send you a ~~the~~ statement each time we credit your account with the exect amount of intrest you earned. We want your busness, so call today to discus opening an account!

Proofreading Marks

≡	Capital Letter
/	Small Letter
^	Add
⤵	Delete
⊙	Add a Period
¶	Indent

OPINION Writing Prompt

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.

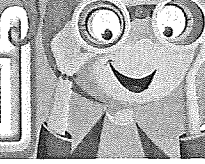
- Use the writing process: prewrite, draft, revise, edit, and publish.
- Decide who will buy the product. Target your message to that audience.
- Give evidence of the product's good qualities. Use sound reasoning.
- Edit your draft for complete sentences with correct capitalization, punctuation, grammar, 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?

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

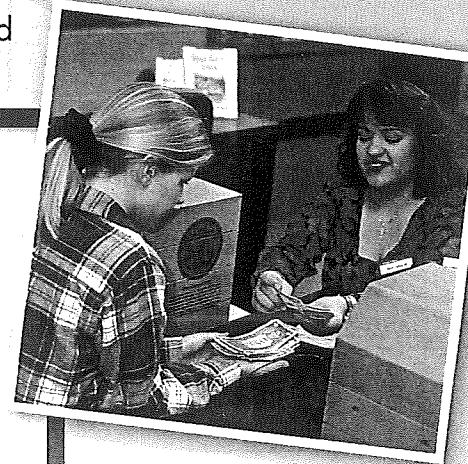
There's more. While you're saving money, you're building interest. Interest is what the bank pays you to use your money. The bank makes a promise to pay you a certain amount yearly. Here's an example:

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.