

Short Vowels VCCV

Generalization Short **a**, **e**, **i**, **o**, and **u** are usually spelled **a**: admire, **e**: method, **i**: finger, **o**: soccer, and **u**: custom.

Word Sort Sort the list words by the short vowel in the **first** syllable.

a

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

e

11. _____

12. _____

i

13. _____

14. _____

15. _____

o

16. _____

17. _____

u

18. _____

19. _____

20. _____

Spelling Words

1. admire

2. magnet

3. contest

4. method

5. custom

6. rally

7. soccer

8. engine

9. sudden

10. finger

11. accident

12. mitten

13. intend

14. fabric

15. flatten

16. rascal

17. gutter

18. mammal

19. happen

20. cannon



Home Activity Your child is learning to spell words with the short vowel pattern VCCV (vowel-consonant-consonant-vowel). Say a word aloud and have your child identify the short vowel in the first syllable of the word.

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Classifying Write the list word that fits each group.

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| 1. rules, game, winner, _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. wheels, trunk, hood, _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. foot, toe, hand, _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. mistake, error, mishap, _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. cotton, wool, silk, _____ | 5. _____ |
| 6. baseball, football, basketball, _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. pancake, road, dough, _____ | 7. _____ |
| 8. otter, wolf, horse, _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. mean, plan, aim, _____ | 9. _____ |
| 10. iron, attract, pole, _____ | 10. _____ |
| 11. meeting, gathering, assembly, _____ | 11. _____ |
| 12. habit, ritual, routine, _____ | 12. _____ |
| 13. hat, scarf, earmuffs, _____ | 13. _____ |

Context Clues Choose a list word to complete each sentence of the script. Write the word.

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|--|-----------|
| 14. Bowler 1: Hooray! I got a strike! Did you see it ___? | 14. _____ |
| 15. Bowler 2: I ___ your skill. | 15. _____ |
| 16. Bowler 3: The ball looked as if it had been shot from a ___. | 16. _____ |
| 17. Bowler 1: My bowling ___ is perfect! | 17. _____ |
| 18. Bowler 2: Then how come your ball just rolled into the ___? | 18. _____ |
| 19. Bowler 1: All of a ___ I just lost control of the ball. | 19. _____ |
| 20. Bowler 1: You ___! I think you enjoyed my mistake. | 20. _____ |



Home Activity Your child spelled words with short vowels in VCCV pattern. Read the script aloud with your child. Have your child spell the list words with closed eyes.

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Proofread a Newspaper Column Circle five misspelled words in the newspaper column. Write the words correctly. Then write the sentence that has a punctuation mistake correctly.

Roof Rally

By Dan Green

Most days I idmire that little rascle, the squirrel. That furry little mummal is always busy. Its usual costum is to keep busy burying food all day long. On one recent day a squirrel decided to take a break. He brought twenty of his cusins and held a rally on my roof. The noise was terrible! How could this happen? Stop it, I shouted. They scampered over the gutter and ran away. It was good to have peace and quiet again.

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|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

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Frequently Misspelled Words

- with
- cousin

Proofread Words Circle the correctly spelled word.

Write the word.

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|-------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 7. cannon | cannen | kannon | 7. _____ |
| 8. mignet | magnet | manget | 8. _____ |
| 9. accident | ecident | eccident | 9. _____ |
| 10. ingune | engine | ingine | 10. _____ |
| 11. soccor | socor | soccer | 11. _____ |
| 12. fabrik | fibrak | fabric | 12. _____ |



Home Activity Your child identified misspelled words with short vowels in VCCV pattern. Say each spelling word. Ask your child to name the short vowel in the first syllable.

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Riddle Read the riddle. To find the answer, write the list word that fits each clue. Then copy the numbered letters onto the numbered lines below.

Riddle: What weighs 5,000 pounds and wears glass slippers?

1. think highly of _____ 7
2. a meeting _____ 12
3. the part that makes a car run _____ 13
4. attracts iron _____ 9
5. glove with no fingers _____ 14
6. a mischievous person _____ 8
7. your shirt is made of this _____ 1
8. a way of doing something _____ 11
9. what a steamroller can do _____ 3
10. occur _____ 10
11. a game played with a round ball _____ 6
12. something that unexpectedly happens _____ 4
13. something to enter _____ 5
14. a pinky _____ 2

Answer:

_____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____ 13 _____ 14



Home Activity Your child has learned to read, write, and spell words with the short vowel pattern VCCV. Ask your child to quiz your spelling of these words. Make a mistake with each word and have your child correct it.