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Short Vowel Spellings

READ AND THINK Read each sentence. Think about the meaning and spelling of the underlined word.

shell
fond
brand
trust
dull
strap
lamp
film
bulb
trunk
pinch
grip
felt
swift
crust
odd
fresh
pump
kept
sting

We saw a turtle's shell in the water.
The best friends are fond of each other.
Which brand of soup do you like best?
People trust honest answers.
My knife is too dull to cut the bread.
Buckle the strap of the seat belt.
Please turn on the lamp over the desk.
I need to buy film for my camera.
Change the bulb in the flashlight.
Put suitcases in the trunk of the car.
I told my sister not to pinch me.
Be sure to grip the bat correctly.
We felt tired after a very long hike.
Grandmother rode on a swift train.
Do you like pizza with a thin crust?
Nobody understands the odd story.
For dinner we had fresh fruit.
My uncle had to pump air into the tire.
The baseball player kept an old uniform.
Be careful not to let the wasp sting you.

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STUDY AND SORT Each word on the list has a short vowel sound spelled with one letter. Short vowels are usually followed by a consonant.

1.-7. Write the words with a short **a** or short **e** sound.
Circle the letter that spells the short vowel sound.

8.-20. Write the words with a short **i**, **o**, or **u** sound. Circle the letter that spells the short vowel sound.

REMEMBER: The short vowel sound in a word is usually spelled with one letter: **a**, **e**, **i**, **o**, or **u**. A short vowel is usually followed by a consonant.

USE THE CLUES Write the word for each of these clues.

1. It begins with a vowel and ends with a double consonant.
2. It begins with a **k** sound spelled **c**.
3. It begins with three consonants.
4. It means “to hold tightly in the hand.”
5. It rhymes with **ring**.
6. It is the past form of **keep**.
7. It is the past form of **feel**.
8. It rhymes with **must**. It is another word for **faith**.
9. It begins like **brave** and ends like **hand**.
10. Replace the consonant cluster in **last**.
11. Replace the vowel in **punch**.
12. It rhymes with **pond**.
13. Change one letter in **pulp** to make this word.
14. Replace the consonant cluster in **bump**.
15. Replace the first consonant cluster in **skunk**.

16.–20. PROOFREAD The following post card has some mistakes in spelling. Draw a line through the words that are misspelled. Write the correct spelling.

Friday, August 1

Dear Buddy,

The beach is great! I have not had a dul moment. Today I found an odd shele in the sand. I would have taken a picture, but I forgot to pack felm for my camera. Tonight we had frish fish for dinner. We caught them in the swiff water of a stream. I wish you could be here.

Your friend,
Sandy

CHECK THE SPELLING Check the spelling of each word you wrote. Write the correct spelling of any word you spelled wrong on the **Words for Extra Study** list on page 22.

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