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Short Vowel Spellings

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

problem
husband
thread
wrist
timid
chapter
magnet
pumpkin
wealth
length
sweater
plastic
depth
sentence
traffic
planet
insect
promise
picnic
pledge

She was able to solve the math problem.

The husband brought flowers to his wife.

Use the red thread to mend the shirt.

Put this new bracelet on your wrist.

The little boy was too timid to say hello.

Every night I read a chapter in my book.

Place a magnet on the refrigerator.

We carved a pumpkin for Halloween.

We enjoy a wealth of natural resources.

What is the length of a football field?

I wore a sweater to the outdoor concert.

Seal the leftover food in a plastic bag.

What is the depth of this lake?

The teacher asked us to write a sentence.

During rush hour, traffic is heavy.

Our planet is billions of years old.

A large insect crawled on the carpet.

Please promise not to tell the secret.

It always rains when we plan a picnic.

We made a pledge to respect each other.

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STUDY AND SORT Each word on the list has one or more short vowel sounds. The short vowel sound is usually, but not always, spelled with one letter.

1.-3. Write the words in which the short e sound is spelled ea.

4.-16. Write the two-syllable words in which a short vowel sound in the first syllable is spelled with one letter.

17.-20. Write the one-syllable words in which a short vowel sound is spelled with one letter.

REMEMBER: Short vowel sounds are usually spelled with one letter: **a, e, i, o, or u**. The short e sound is sometimes spelled **ea**. 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 silent consonant.
2. There is a double consonant in its spelling.
3. It rhymes with **health**.
4. It begins with three consonants.
5. word, ____, paragraph
6. Replace the first syllable in **hornet**.
7. Replace the second syllable in **plaster**.
8. There is a short **i** and a short **e** in this word.
9. It has five letters and two short **i** sounds.
10. It has one syllable and a silent **d** in its spelling.
11. **Pound** is to **weight** as **inches** is to ____.
12. **Answer** is to **question** as **solve** is to ____.
13. **Whole** is to **part** as **book** is to ____.
14. Change one letter in **sweeter**.
15. It is another word for **pledge**.

16.–20. PROOFREAD A boy wrote this paragraph in his diary. It has some mistakes in spelling. Draw a line through the misspelled words. Write the correct spelling.

Monday, September 15 Today we had our school picnick. At first I felt a little timid, but soon I was laughing and having fun. Our teacher and her husban made up some games. For one game, we had to answer questions like “What is the deapth of the ocean?” and “Name the largest planit.” After the games, we ate hot dogs and pumkin pie for dessert.

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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