

## VCV Pattern



balance

## Read and Say

## Basic

1. *balance*
2. *item*
3. *secure*
4. *require*
5. *minus*
6. *release*
7. *unite*
8. *panic*
9. *stupid*
10. *vital*
11. *recent*
12. *rebel*
13. *beware*
14. *relief*
15. *pirate*
16. *deserve*
17. *adopt*
18. *poison*
19. *spirit*
20. *alert*

**READ** the sentences.

**SAY** each bold word.

My bank account has a **balance** of two dollars.  
Is this **item** on sale?  
We watched the fireworks from a **secure** place.  
Plants **require** a lot of attention.  
Three **minus** two equals one.  
Rangers will **release** the bear in the wilderness.  
Two countries **unite** to become one larger one.  
I felt **panic** when I got lost.  
I felt **stupid** when I forgot my lunch.  
Water is **vital** to most living things.  
The **recent** news made us happy.  
Don't **rebel** against our class rules.  
The sign says to **beware** of the dog.  
I felt **relief** when you arrived safely.  
The **pirate** Captain Kidd robbed ships at sea.  
You **deserve** thanks for your hard work.  
We will **adopt** your idea for a game.  
Weed killer is a **poison**.  
We sang with great **spirit**.  
Be **alert** for thin ice as you skate.

## Think and Write

Each two-syllable word has the VCV pattern. Divide a VCV word into syllables before or after the consonant.

v|v pan | ic |pän' ik|      v|cv se | cure |sĩ kyöör'|

- Which syllable in each example is unstressed? Why should you pay attention to the unstressed syllables?

Now write each Basic Word under the heading that tells which syllable is unstressed. (List *rebel* under the first heading.)

Unstressed First Syllable

Unstressed Second Syllable

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| <b>Review</b> | 23. remind  |
| 21. credit    | 24. protect |
| 22. value     | 25. report  |

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| <b>Challenge</b> | 28. flourish |
| 26. delete       | 29. vigor    |
| 27. decade       | 30. crevice  |

## Independent Practice



### Spelling Strategy

To find the syllables of a VCV word, divide the word before or after the consonant. Note carefully the spelling of the unstressed syllable. Spell the word by syllables.

**Word Analysis/Phonics** Complete the exercises with Basic Words.

- 1–2.** Write the two words that begin with the |ə| sound.  
**3–5.** Write the three words with the |ē| sound. Underline the letters that spell that sound.  
**6–7.** Write the two words with the |z| sound spelled s.

**Vocabulary: Antonyms** Write the Basic Word that is an antonym for each word.

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| <b>8.</b> plus        | <b>10.</b> unsafe | <b>12.</b> clever |
| <b>9.</b> unnecessary | <b>11.</b> calm   | <b>13.</b> obey   |

**Challenge Words** Write the Challenge Word that completes each sentence. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

- 14.** I got my own savings account nearly a \_\_\_\_\_ ago.  
**15.** Mrs. Martin signed her name on the check with a \_\_\_\_\_.  
**16.** Diane had to \_\_\_\_\_ an incorrect entry in her bankbook.  
**17.** The energetic workers finished their tasks with \_\_\_\_\_.  
**18.** The spider disappeared into a \_\_\_\_\_ in the stone wall.



## Spelling-Meaning Connection

Did you know that *unite* and *unity* both come from the Latin word *unis*, meaning “one”? These words are related in spelling and meaning, even though they have different vowel sounds.



- 19–20.** Write *unity*. Then write the Basic Word that is related in spelling and meaning to *unity*.

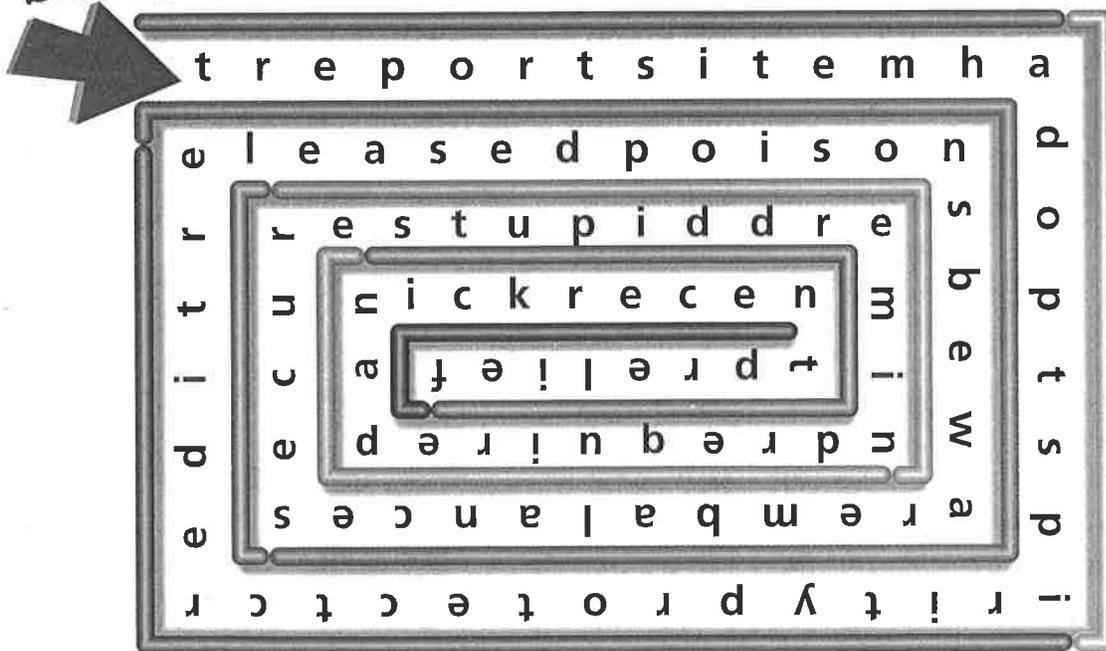
## Review: Spelling Spree

**Word Magic** Write a Basic or Review Word to fit each clue.

1. Change the beginning of *preserve* to write a word meaning "to have a right to."
2. Add a consonant to *vial* to write a synonym for *necessary*.
3. Change a vowel in *mines* to write a word for a math sign.
4. Replace two consonants in *assert* with a single consonant to write a word meaning "watchful."
5. Add a vowel to *unit* to write a word meaning "to join."
6. Change a consonant in *revel* to write a synonym for *resist*.
7. Add a vowel to *vale* to write a word meaning "worth."
8. Add a consonant to *irate* to write a word for an outlaw.

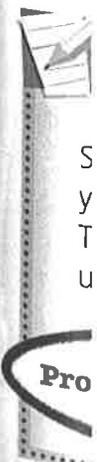
**Word Maze 9–25.** Begin at the arrow and follow the Word Maze to find seventeen Basic or Review Words. Write the words in order.

**START**



**How Are You Doing?**

Write your spelling words in ABC order. Practice any misspelled words with a family member.



## Proofreading and Writing

**Proofread: Spelling and Forms of *good* and *bad*** To compare two or more people, places, or things, use the following forms of *good* and *bad*:

	<b>good</b>	<b>bad</b>
COMPARING TWO:	better	worse
COMPARING MORE THAN TWO:	best	worst

Find four misspelled Basic or Review Words and two incorrect forms of *good* or *bad* in this magazine article. Write the article correctly.

### Our Readers Ask

## Cash or Credit?

In some ways, credit cards are better than money. Many stores do not require cash when you buy an item if you have a card. Yet cards can be worse than money because a fee is charged if you have an unpaid balance on your bill. Be alert, and pay your bill on time. That is the better policy of all.



### Basic

- balance
- item
- secure
- require
- minus
- release
- unite
- panic
- stupid
- vital
- recent
- rebel
- beware
- relief
- pirate
- deserve
- adopt
- poison
- spirit
- alert

### Review

- credit
- value
- remind
- protect
- report

### Challenge

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## Write a Persuasive Paragraph

Should people keep their money in a bank or not? State your opinion in a paragraph, and support your argument. Try to use five spelling words and at least one comparison using a form of *good* or *bad*.



### Proofreading Tip

Be sure that you have used the correct form of *good* or *bad* when you compare two or more things.

### Proofreading Marks

- ☞ Indent
- ^ Add
- ⊙ Add a period
- ✂ Delete
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter
- ~ Reverse order