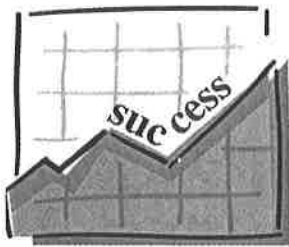


## Unstressed Syllables

## Read and Say



## Basic

1. *company*
2. *success*
3. *position*
4. *problem*
5. *policy*
6. *difficult*
7. *document*
8. *quality*
9. *surprise*
10. *physical*
11. *crisis*
12. *awake*
13. *example*
14. *ignore*
15. *accept*
16. *parallel*
17. *admiral*
18. *desire*
19. *garage*
20. *ambulance*

**READ** the sentences. **SAY** each bold word.

- That **company** makes computer games.  
 The **success** of our play thrilled us.  
 Please move the chair to a different **position**.  
 Can you solve the math **problem**?  
 My mother has a strict bedtime **policy**.  
 She played a **difficult** song easily.  
 That **document** is ten pages long.  
 That dress cloth is of fine **quality**.  
 Was the party a **surprise** for the teacher?  
 I am in good **physical** shape from exercising.  
 The house fire caused a financial **crisis**.  
 The baby is sleeping but will **awake** soon.  
 This vase is an **example** of her work.  
 Try to **ignore** his teasing.  
 Please **accept** this gift.  
 She drew **parallel** lines across the chart.  
 The **admiral** led the fleet into the harbor.  
 I **desire** always to be your friend.  
 Is the car in the **garage**?  
 The **ambulance** had a loud siren.

## Think and Write

Each word has two or three syllables. Look for familiar patterns in each syllable. Note how to spell all unstressed syllables. Spell the words by syllables.

**prob** | **lem** |prɒb' ləm|      **po** | **si** | **tion** |pə zɪsh' ən|

- Is the |ə| sound usually in a stressed or an unstressed syllable? Why should you remember how to spell any unstressed syllables?

Now write each Basic Word under the number of its syllables.

## Two Syllables

## Three Syllables

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Review</b> | 23. president |
| 21. industry  | 24. absent    |
| 22. partner   | 25. attention |

- |                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Challenge</b> | 28. morale    |
| 26. efficient    | 29. ethical   |
| 27. punctual     | 30. potential |

## Independent Practice



### Spelling Strategy

To spell a two-syllable or three-syllable word, divide the word into syllables. Look for familiar spelling patterns. Note the spelling of any unstressed syllables, and spell the word by syllables.

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

1-4. Write the four words with double consonants.

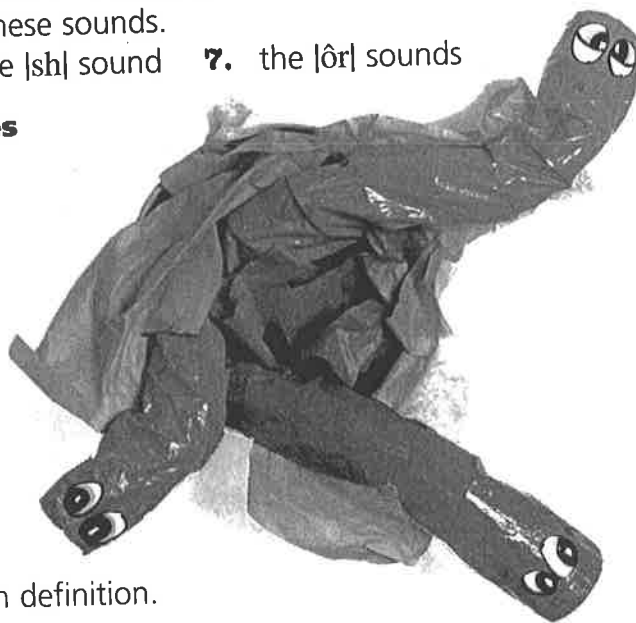
5-7. Write the three words with these sounds.

5. the [kw] sounds    6. the [sh] sound    7. the [ôr] sounds

### Vocabulary: Making Inferences

Write the word that fits each clue.

8. an unexpected gift
9. a passport, for example
10. where someone might store a lawn mower
11. a sample answer
12. a sailor's boss
13. what you do when the alarm clock rings



**Challenge Words** Write the Challenge Word that matches each definition. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

14. capacity for further growth or progress
15. acting effectively, with little waste or effort
16. conforming to accepted standards of right behavior
17. acting or arriving on time
18. the state of a person's or a group's spirits

### Spelling-Meaning Connection

Did you know that *physical* is related to *physician*? Both words contain the Greek word part *phys*, meaning "nature." Words that contain the same word part are related in spelling and meaning.

19-20. Write *physician*. Then write the Basic Word that has the same Greek word part as *physician*.

**physical**  
**physician**



## Dictionary

**Base Words** If you look up the past tense of an irregular verb, the dictionary will direct you to its base word.

**a•woke** [ə wōk'] *v.* Past tense of **awake**.

To find the definition of *awoke*, you must look up its base word, *awake*.

**Practice** Write the base word of each irregular past tense verb below. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

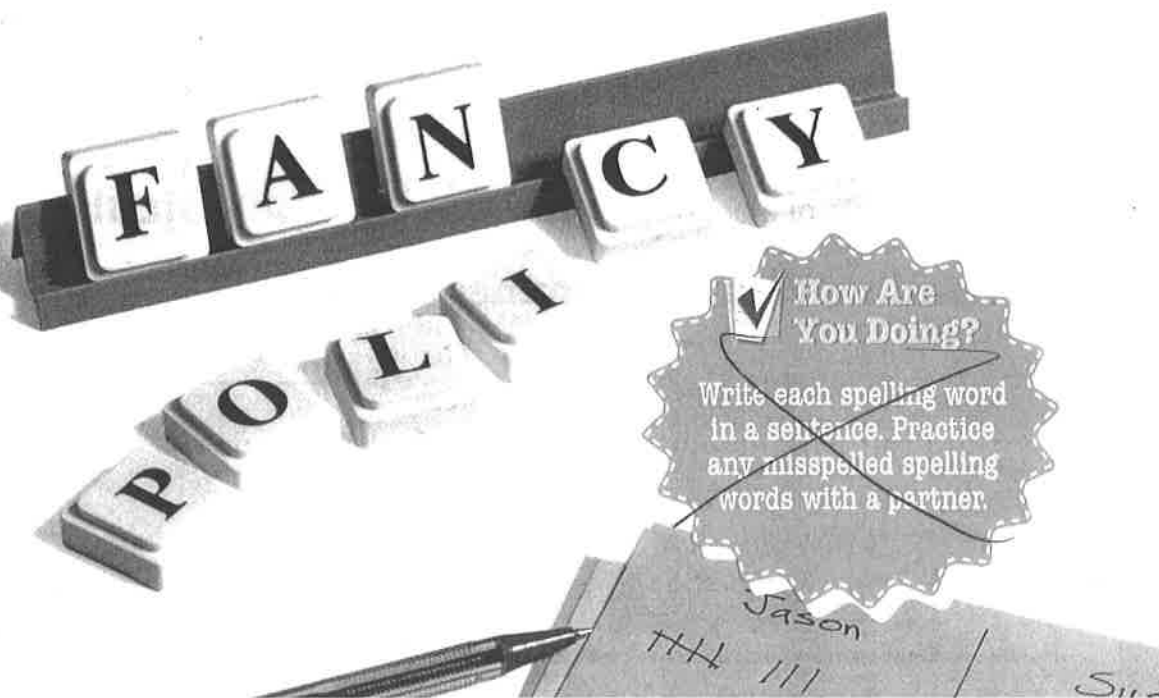
- |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. sought | 4. strove | 7. bore   |
| 2. stung  | 5. sunk   | 8. forgot |
| 3. sent   | 6. caught | 9. sprang |

## Review: Spelling Spree

**Syllable Spot** Write the Basic or Review Word that has one of the syllables in each word below.

**Example:** fancy *policy*

- |              |               |             |                |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| 10. attitude | 14. doctor    | 18. ignite  | 22. succotash  |
| 11. delight  | 15. surgeon   | 19. impart  | 23. parasol    |
| 12. concept  | 16. physician | 20. abound  | 24. difference |
| 13. admit    | 17. probable  | 21. compete | 25. crier      |



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## Proofreading and Writing

**Proofread for Spelling** Find nine misspelled Basic or Review Words in this memo. Write each word correctly.

From: Vice President  
Subject: Product Quality

MEMO: TO ALL EMPLOYEES

Our presedent, Ray Carson, was rushed by ambulance to Oak Hospital yesterday after eating some of Bow-Wow's new freeze-dried liver. He was stricken near his garge. Kiwi, his pet Pomeranian, was nearby.

"I was showing Kiwi how good our liver is," Mr. Carson reported, "but he wouldn't touch it. Our polisy has been to use Kiwi as an exsample of our customers. I guess we will have to re-evaluate the qualty of this product if we want to keep our top postion in the industrie."

Mr. Carson is recovering well, but he will be apsent from work for several days.

### Basic

1. company
2. success
3. position
4. problem
5. policy
6. difficult
7. document
8. quality
9. surprise
10. physical
11. crisis
12. awake
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18. desire
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26. efficient
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### Write a Consumer Letter

Write a brief letter to the manager of a business, such as a restaurant or a clothing store. What do you like about his or her services or products? Try to use five spelling words.

Mary Green  
302 Morning Lane  
My Town, State 90006

Manager  
Buffy's Bags & Togs  
22 Busy Blvd.  
My Town, State 90009

### Proofreading Marks

- ⌞ Indent
- ^ Add
- ⊙ Add a period
- ⌘ Delete
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter
- ↶ Reverse order

### Proofreading Tip

★ Check that your a's are written clearly so that they do not look like o's or u's.

## Expanding Vocabulary

### Spelling Word Link

**difficult**

inconvenient  
complicated  
puzzling  
stubborn  
strenuous

**Thesaurus: Exact Words for *difficult*** Why is *inconvenient* a better word to use than *difficult* in this example?

It was **difficult** for Ed to call Mary.

It was **inconvenient** for Ed to call Mary.

*Inconvenient* is better because it is more exact; it gives a reason for Ed's difficulty in calling Mary.

Find the entry for *difficult* in your Thesaurus. Then write the best synonym to replace *difficult* in each sentence.

1. The high school textbook is too difficult for a sixth grader to understand.
2. Sue had plans for Friday night, so it was difficult for her to meet her aunt at the airport.
3. The difficult cat refused to eat its food.
4. Carrying the piano up four flights of stairs was difficult.
5. Figuring out the ending to a mystery can be difficult.

**Show You Know!** Write captions for these pictures. Use a different synonym for *difficult* in each one.



TRY  
CHALLENGE

## Real-World Connection

**Business: Business Management** All the words in the box relate to business management. Look up each word in your Spelling Dictionary. Then write the words to complete this announcement.

### Spelling Word Link

- company**
- management
  - executive
  - personnel
  - corporation
  - supervise
  - memo
  - salary
  - motivate



*Sweet Talk*

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Pat Sweet, president and chief (1) of the Cornish Company, called a meeting of all supervisors, or (2), to discuss the company's future. Cornish, once a small company, has grown into a large (3) where managers have to (4) the work of many employees. At the meeting Sweet announced that all employees will receive an increase in (5) as a reward for their good work. She hopes the raise will (6) them to excel further. Sweet has written a (7) to all company (8) about the raise.

### Try This CHALLENGE

**Yes or No?** Write *yes* if the underlined word is used correctly. Write *no* if it is not.

9. The workers supervise their boss.
10. The workers learn how to motivate the computers.
11. The salary for this job is two hundred dollars a week.
12. The memo described the company's plan to relocate.

### ★ Fact File

In some countries the government decides what people produce and sell. The United States, however, has a free enterprise system, which means that people can start a business of their choice.

