

Vowel Changes I

Read and Say

Basic

1. *vegetable*
2. *vegetation*
3. *strategy*
4. *strategic*
5. *stability*
- 11 6. *stable*
- 12 7. *alternative*
- 13 8. *alternate*
- 14 9. *definition*
- 15 10. *define*
- 20 11. *remedy*
- 19 12. *remedial*
- 18 13. *immunize*
- 17 14. *immune*
- 16 15. *deprivation*
- 10 16. *deprive*
- 9 17. *indicative*
- 8 18. *indicate*
- 7 19. *infinite*
- 6 20. *finite*

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

Spinach is my favorite **vegetable**.
 Rain forest **vegetation** is thick and lush.
 My **strategy** is to study first and play later.
 Forts are built in **strategic** locations.
 Will another pole add **stability** to the tent?
 Is this ladder **stable** enough not to tip?
 An **alternative** to running is fast walking.
 My parents **alternate** driving on long trips.
 Check the exact **definition** in a dictionary.
 Please **define** what you really mean.
 The **remedy** for a cold is rest and juice.
 My **remedial** class has improved my reading.
 Will this shot **immunize** me against the flu?
 Her pride keeps her **immune** from insults.
 Calcium **deprivation** makes bones weak.
 Avoid diets that **deprive** you of iron.
 His tears were **indicative** of his pain.
 Are there trail markers to **indicate** the path?
 The universe seems **infinite**.
 We have a **finite** amount of time and money.



Spelling Strategy To remember the spelling of [ə] in some words, think of a related word in which the pronunciation and spelling of the vowel are more obvious.

Think and Write Write the pairs of Basic Words. In each pair, underline the letter that has the schwa sound in one word and the long vowel sound in the other.

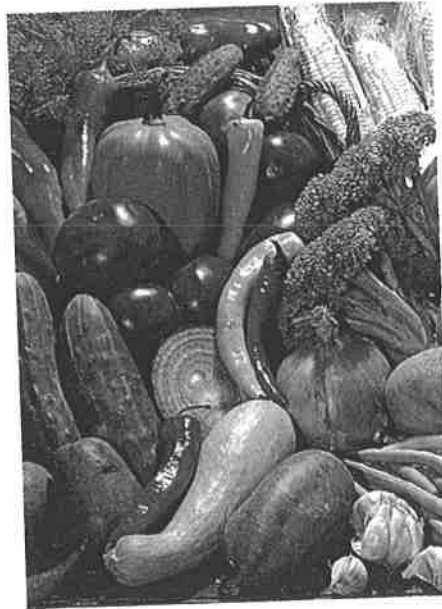
Review 23. harmony
 21. narrative 24. harmonious
 22. narrate

Challenge 27. initiative
 25. mandatory 28. initiate
 26. mandate

Independent Practice

Vocabulary: Definitions Write the Basic Word that matches each definition. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

1. a choice or option
2. to take something away from or prevent from having
3. intended to correct something
4. safe from or protected from
5. having limits
6. pertaining to a plan
7. resistance to sudden change or movement
8. to state the precise meaning
9. to show or express
10. without limit
11. the statement of the meaning of a word or phrase
12. plants or plant life



Vocabulary: Using Context Write the Basic Word that completes each sentence. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

13. Doug raises an herb commonly used as a cold _____.
14. Blue Hill Farm runs a _____ stand, where they sell their produce.
15. When drought destroyed their crops, farm families suffered great _____.
16. The veterinarian arrived to _____ the newborn calves against disease.
17. Keesha liked to _____ the animals she showed at the summer fair; one year she would take a calf, the next, a pig.
18. Weight loss and fever in cattle are usually _____ of disease.
19. Mike's late arrival at the county fair was actually a clever _____ meant to draw attention to his sheep.
20. The frame must be completely _____, or the entire barn could collapse.

Challenge Words Write the Challenge Word that fits each clue. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

21. A club might do this to a new member.
22. A boss might give this.
23. For many jobs, a college degree might be described as this.
24. This helps a person succeed at school or at work.

Definitions

1. _____
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Using Context

13. _____
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Challenge Words

21. _____
22. _____
23. _____
24. _____

Dictionary

Homographs Homographs are words that have the same spelling but different meanings. Because they also have different origins, homographs are listed as separate dictionary entries.

sta·ble¹ |stā´ bəl| *adj.* **sta·bler, sta·blest.** 1. a. Not likely to change position; firm: *a stable foundation of a house.* b. Not likely to change, as in condition: *a stable economy.* 2. Not likely to be affected or overthrown: *a stable government.*

sta·ble² |stā´ bəl| *n.* Often **stables.** A building for the shelter of horses or other domestic animals.

Homographs

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Word Field

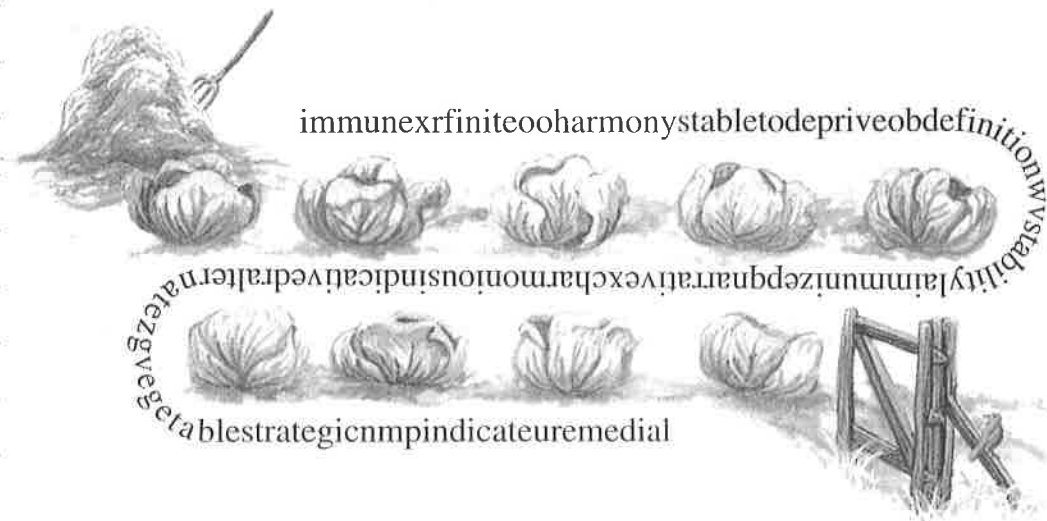
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Practice Write 1 or 2 to indicate which of the above homographs is used in each sentence.

1. Since the election, the dollar's value has been *stable*.
2. Frightened horses neighed within the smoldering *stable*.
3. Gluing the leg will make this chair more *stable*.
4. Rachel maintained a *stable* lead over the other runners.

Review: Spelling Spree

Word Field 5-20. Find the Basic and Review Words hidden in the rows of crops. Write the words correctly in the order in which you find them. Begin at the haystack and end at the fence gate.



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Proofreading and Writing

Proofread for Spelling Use proofreading marks to correct eight misspelled Basic or Review words in this listing for a television program.

Example: What is the best ^{remedy}remidy for depleted soil?

8:00 P.M. ② ⑩ Farming in America: Part 4

In this week's program, experts definne the problem of nutrient depravation in soil and explore various remedial techniques. One stratigy is to allternate regular crops with types of vegetation that restore nitrogen and other nutrients to the soil. Another alternative is to use fertilizer. The experts warn, however, that we have a finnite supply of the raw materials used in fertilizer and indicate that this may create a fertilizer shortage. Dinah and Emery Williams narate this informative series.

Basic

1. vegetable
2. vegetation
3. strategy
4. strategic
5. stability
6. stable
7. alternative
8. alternate
9. definition
10. define
11. remedy
12. remedial
13. immunize
14. immune
15. deprivation
16. deprive
17. indicative
18. indicate
19. infinite
20. finite

Review

21. narrative
22. narrate
23. harmony
24. harmonious

Challenge

25. mandatory
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27. initiative
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Write a Help-Wanted Ad In summer, you work at a farmers' market. Business is brisk this year, and your boss has asked you to write a help-wanted ad for another worker. Write the ad, describing the position you need to fill. Try to use five spelling words.

Proofreading Marks

- ¶ Indent
- ^ Add
- ^ Add a comma
- “ ” Add quotation marks
- ⊙ Add a period
- Delete
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter
- ~ Reverse order

Expanding Vocabulary

Spelling
Word Link

vegetable

1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____
4.	_____

Figurative Language When you use language literally, you create an image by describing how something actually looks, feels, or sounds. When you use **figurative language**, you create an image by comparing one thing with another thing that is completely different.

LITERAL: The ripe **vegetable** was ready to be picked.

FIGURATIVE: James was a **vegetable**, loafing the day away.

In the first example, *vegetable* refers to part of a plant. In the second one, James is not a beet or a carrot, but his behavior is compared to that of a vegetable, which is completely inactive.

Write *literal* or *figurative* to describe how the underlined word is used in each sentence.

1. Jacques is a walking encyclopedia.
2. Anne looked in the encyclopedia for facts about livestock.
3. The tornado touched down and destroyed the old barn.
4. Celia dashed through the room like a tornado.

TEST-TAKING TACTICS



Vocabulary-in-Context When a tested word in a vocabulary-in-context question is completely new to you, you may need to try several methods to figure out the word's meaning. First, look for context clues in the copy that surrounds the tested word. If you are still unsure of the word's meaning, try covering it up, substituting a word of your own that makes sense, and comparing your word with the answer choices. Finally, replace the tested word with each answer choice. Choose the one that seems to fit best.

Read the sample passage excerpt and question below. Then use one or more of the techniques given above to answer the question that follows.

Sample passage excerpt and question:

In some underdeveloped countries, farm families are able to produce only enough food for their own subsistence. In a good year, when their (20) small plots yield more than the families need to feed themselves, they may be able to sell some of their surplus crops at local markets.

The word "subsistence" in line 19 means (A) pleasure
(B) existence (C) regions (D) acreage (E) cattle

5. Which meaning of "subsistence" is correct? Write its letter. _____

Real-World Connection

Careers: Agriculture All the words in the box relate to agriculture. Look up these words in your Spelling Dictionary. Then write the words to complete this paragraph.

Long ago, farmers learned that if they allowed a field to lie (1) between crops, the field would be more fertile. Many farmers still do this. In other ways, however, the practice of (2) has changed greatly over time. Farmers can now use a chemical (3) to control harmful insects. They can also produce stronger crops by planting a (4) variety, a cross between two different types of plants. In addition, most modern farmers rely on machines to (5) and harvest crops. While grain was once cut by hand with a (6), a mechanical (7) now does the work. Another machine, the (8), then separates the seeds from the rest of the plant.

Spelling
Word Link

vegetable

agriculture
cultivate
pesticide
hybrid
reaper
scythe
thresher
fallow

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

TRY THIS!

True or False? Write *T* if the sentence is true and *F* if it is false.

9. Raising livestock is one type of agriculture.
10. Pesticide is a type of feed given to dairy cattle.
11. A scythe is driven by a gasoline-powered engine.
12. A fallow field is one in which several crops are grown.

Fact File

During the early 1900s, George Washington Carver made many contributions to agricultural research. In one major study, Carver used peanuts to create over three hundred products, including ink, paper, soap, and many food items.

