

More Vowel Spellings

6th
GRADE

Read and Say



|ī| |ē|
cycle sweat

Basic

1. *cycle*
2. *sweat*
3. *rhythm*
4. *rely*
5. *pleasant*
6. *routine*
7. *cleans*
8. *shove*
9. *reply*
10. *meant*
11. *sponge*
12. *apply*
13. *threat*
14. *myth*
15. *deny*
16. *leather*
17. *rhyme*
18. *thread*
19. *meadow*
20. *ravine*

Read the sentences. Write each bold word.

- 1 How fast can you **cycle** to the store?
- 2 I **sweat** when I ride fast.
- 3 Listen to the **rhythm** of the drums.
- 4 You can **rely** on me whenever you need help.
- 5 That singer has a **pleasant** voice.
- 11 What is your daily **routine**?
- 12 Always **cleans** a cut to kill the germs.
- 13 Do not **shove** anyone in line.
- 14 I will **reply** to your letter.
- 15 We **meant** to call you earlier.
- 16 Wash the car with soap and a **sponge**.
- 17 I will **apply** for that job.
- 18 The rain was a **threat** to our picnic.
- 19 We read a Roman **myth** in class.
- 20 I will not **deny** what I said.
- 6 The bag is made of soft **leather**.
- 7 That poem does not **rhyme**.
- 8 Sew it with strong **thread**.
- 9 The cows are grazing in the **meadow**.
- 10 The **ravine** beside the road was deep.

Think and Write

Each word has a long or a short vowel sound with a less common spelling pattern.

|ē| routine |ē| sweat |ū| shove (o-consonant-e)
|ī| cycle |ī| rhythm

- What are less common spelling patterns for the |ē| and the |ī| sounds?
for the |ē|, the |ī|, and the |ū| sounds?

Now write each Basic Word under its vowel sound.

|ē| |ī| |ē| |ī| |ū|

- Review**
- | | |
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| 21. breath | 23. typical |
| 22. measure | 24. deaf |
| | 25. crystal |

- Challenge**
- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 26. endeavor | 28. dynamic |
| 27. oxygen | 29. realm |
| | 30. trampoline |

Independent Practice



Spelling Strategy Keep in mind these less common spellings when you try to spell a new word with these vowel sounds:

|ē| *ine* |ī| *y* |ě| *ea* |i| *y* |ū| *o-consonant-e*

Word Analysis/Phonics Complete the exercises with Basic Words.

1. Write the word that ends with the [j] sound.
- 2-3. Write the two words that begin with the [r] sound spelled with two letters.
- 4-5. Write the two words that have the [z] sound spelled s.

Vocabulary: Synonyms Write the Basic Word that is a synonym for each word below.

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| 6. contradict | 11. depend |
| 7. use | 12. perspire |
| 8. danger | 13. pasture |
| 9. answer | |
| 10. gorge | |

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

14. a kingdom
15. energetic; vigorous
16. to make an effort
17. a device for acrobatics
18. a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas



Spelling-Meaning Connection

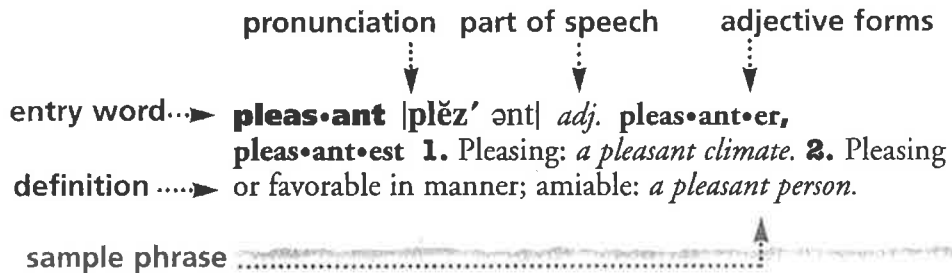
Clean and *mean* are related in spelling and meaning to *cleanse* and *meant* even though they have different vowel sounds. **Think of this:** I did not *mean* what you think I *meant*.

- 19-20. Write *mean* and *meant*. Then underline the two letters in each word that are the same but that spell different vowel sounds.



Dictionary

Parts of an Entry Look at some of the different kinds of information you can find in a dictionary entry:



Practice Use your Spelling Dictionary to complete these exercises.

1. Write the entry word for *meadow*. Show the syllables.
2. Look up *ravine*. Write the abbreviation for the part of speech of the entry word.
3. Write the first definition of *apply*.
4. Write the sample phrase given for the second definition of *deny*.

Review: Spelling Spree

Hidden Words Find two Basic or Review Words hidden in each sentence. Write the words in order.

Example: My mom gave me a downy pillow and a fancy clear vase.
meadow cycle

- 5–6. Did you leave the shovel in the garden yesterday?
- 7–8. Does this weather report mean that we will get rain?
- 9–10. This device gives a measurement of your breathing rate.
- 11–12. I have an idea for using the old tire lying in the attic.
- 13–14. While at her aunt's house, Emily cleans every room.
- 15–16. Reporters were plying us with unpleasant questions.
- 17–18. My sisters both read many stories, poems, and rhymes.
- 19–20. I am applying my thoughts toward solving that problem.



meadow
cycle

How Are
You Doing?

Write each spelling word in a sentence. Practice any misspelled spelling words with a partner.

Proofreading and Writing

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

Rocky Mountain Times

Editorial

Bikers Beware!



If you like to cicle to the ravene, you won't find the trip pleasant anymore. What was once a routene ride past a pond and a medow may now be a thret to your safety. Water that sparkled like cristal is now dulled by trash. Its odor may make you hold your breath. In the grass you'll see tires, cans, and even a sponge. This is no longer a tipical day in the country. The rithim of a smooth ride is a lost joy.

Basic

1. cycle
2. sweat
3. rhythm
4. rely
5. pleasant
6. routine
7. cleanse
8. shove
9. reply
10. meant
11. sponge
12. apply
13. threat
14. myth
15. deny
16. leather
17. rhyme
18. thread
19. meadow
20. ravine

Review

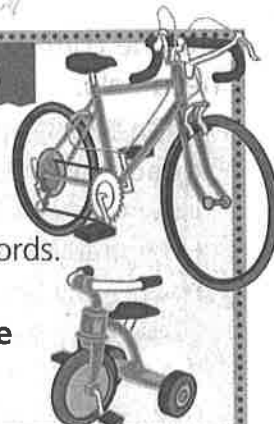
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Write to Compare and Contrast

Write two paragraphs comparing and contrasting a racing bicycle and a tricycle. How are the two cycles alike? How do they differ? Try to use five spelling words.



Proofreading Tip

Check for words that have silent letters.

Proofreading Marks

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

Expanding Vocabulary

Spelling Word Link

cycle

decade
trio
octopus
quadruplet
uniform

Number Prefixes A **prefix** is a word part at the beginning of a word that adds meaning to the word. For example, *bicycle* means "a cycle with two wheels" because the prefix *bi-* means "two." Knowing number prefixes can help you figure out many new words. Use your Spelling Dictionary to look up each word in the box. Then draw the chart, fill in the number of each prefix, and list each word under the correct prefix.

<i>uni-</i> = ?		<i>bi-</i> = 2	
1.	?	7.	bicycle
2.	?	8.	?
<i>tri-</i> = ?		<i>quad-</i> = ?	
3.	?	9.	?
4.	?	10.	?
<i>octo-</i> = ?		<i>dec-</i> = ?	
5.	?	11.	?
6.	?	12.	?

Show You Know! Answer the questions below, and add each bold word to the correct box on your chart. Use your Spelling Dictionary if you need help.

13. If the word root *ped* means "foot," how many feet does a **quadruped** have?
14. How many track and field events are in a **decathlon**?
15. How many horns does the mythical **unicorn** have?
16. How many books, movies, or plays are in a **trilogy**?
17. How many musicians belong in an **octet**?
18. If a centennial celebrates one hundred years, how many years does a **bicentennial** celebrate?

Real-World Connection

Recreation: Bicycling All the words in the box relate to bicycling. Look up these words in your Spelling Dictionary. Then write the words to complete this paragraph from a cycling handbook.

Cycle Racing

Prepare your bike before every race, whether you enter a short, 800-meter (1) or a longer race covering ten (2). Oil and tune every gear and (3) a day ahead; good (4) can be a factor in winning the race. Carry a tire repair kit in case bumpy (5) causes a (6). Make sure that your bike has at least one red (7) for safety. If two of you are riding a (8), these preparations are doubly important!

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Spelling Word Link
cycle

reflector
lever
terrain
sprint
tandem
puncture
maintenance
kilometers

Try This Challenge

Yes or No? Write *yes* or *no* to answer each question.

9. Are kilometers the same as miles?
10. Can terrain refer to a desert?
11. Could a tack puncture a tire?
12. Can a marathon be called a sprint?

Fact File

A recumbent is an unusual kind of bicycle. The rider leans back and extends the legs forward to pedal. A recumbent called the HPV (human-powered vehicle) can go over 55 miles per hour.

