

# Short Vowels

Name: *Colin*

## Read and Say



|ă|  
craft

### Basic

1. *depth*
2. *craft*
3. *plunge*
4. *wreck*
5. *sunk*
6. *film*
7. *strict*
8. *bomb*
9. *switch*
10. *length*
11. *prompt*
12. *pitch*
13. *else*
14. *cliff*
15. *pledge*
16. *scrub*
17. *brass*
18. *grill*
19. *stung*
20. *plump*

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

1. The **depth** of the water is too shallow for diving.
2. I sailed my **craft** into the harbor.
3. Who will **plunge** into the pool?
4. The old car was a **wreck**.
5. The boat was **sunk** by the storm.
6. We need **film** for the camera.
7. My teacher is **strict** but fair.
8. The **bomb** exploded near the city.
9. Will you **switch** places with me?
10. The **length** of the pool is thirty feet.
11. Be **prompt** for school, not late.
12. The batter hit the first **pitch**.
13. Somebody **else** looks like you.
14. Rocks fell from the edge of the **cliff**.
15. I **pledge** to study harder.
16. Please **scrub** the tub until it is clean.
17. The door has a shiny **brass** knob.
18. He will cook on the **grill**.
19. Joe was **stung** by a bee.
20. My puppy is **plump** but not too fat.

## Think and Write

Each word has the **short vowel pattern**, a short vowel sound spelled by a single vowel and followed by a consonant sound. Each word has one of these short vowel sounds:

|ă| craft    |ɛ| depth    |ɪ| film    |ɒ| bomb    |ʊ| plunge

- What letter spells each short vowel sound?

Now write each Basic Word under its short vowel sound.

|ă|                    |ɛ|                    |ɪ|                    |ɒ|                    |ʊ|

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|---------------|-----------|
| <b>Review</b> | 23. bunch |
| 21. swift     | 24. grasp |
| 22. tense     | 25. ditch |

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|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Challenge</b> | 28. tepid    |
| 26. habitat      | 29. magnetic |
| 27. intact       | 30. deft     |

## Independent Practice



### Spelling Strategy

Remember that a short vowel sound is usually spelled *a, e, i, o, or u* and is followed by a consonant sound. A short vowel sound spelled by one vowel and followed by a consonant sound is the **short vowel pattern**.

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

1. Write the word that begins with a silent consonant.
- 2-3. Write the two words that end with the [ch] sound.
- 4-6. Write the three words that end with double consonants.

**Vocabulary: Context Sentences** Write the Basic Word that completes each sentence.

7. The divers sailed in a sturdy \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The old ship had \_\_\_\_\_ long ago.
9. Would they \_\_\_\_\_ into the water?
10. The crew carried waterproof cameras and plenty of \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Ann was \_\_\_\_\_ by a jellyfish.
12. Kevin had to \_\_\_\_\_ mud from the treasures he found.
13. Everyone was told to be \_\_\_\_\_ for the next morning's dive.



**Challenge Words** Write the Challenge

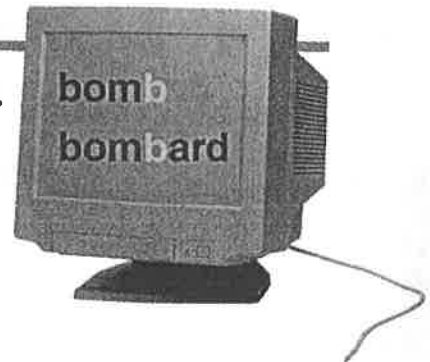
Word that matches each definition. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 14. quick and skillful                        | 17. not damaged or impaired     |
| 15. moderately warm                           | 18. having the power to attract |
| 16. area where animals or plants live or grow |                                 |

### Spelling-Meaning Connection

How can you remember that *bomb* ends with a silent *b*? Think of the related word *bombard*, in which the *b* is pronounced.

- 19-20. Write *bomb* and *bombard*. Underline the letter that is pronounced in one word and silent in the other.



## Dictionary

**Entry and Guide Words** Entry words are the words a dictionary defines. They are listed in alphabetical order. Two **guide words** at the top of each page show the first and last entry words on that page. Use guide words to help you find words quickly in a dictionary.

**jasmine** | **jeopardize**

**jel·ly·fish** |jĕl' ē fish'| *n.* Any of numerous sea animals having a soft, often umbrella-shaped body. *Many jellyfish have tentacles that can cause a sting.*

**Practice 1–6.** Write the six words from the list below that belong under the guide words *swell* | *swivel*. Write them in alphabetical order.

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|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| swept | sweet | swing | switch |
| swift | swine | sword | swipe  |

## Review: Spelling Spree

**Word Hunt** Write the Basic or Review Word that you find in each of the longer words below.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 7. elsewhere    | 17. bomber      |
| 8. swifter      | 18. scrubber    |
| 9. grilling     | 19. switchboard |
| 10. pitchfork   | 20. brassy      |
| 11. strictest   | 21. intense     |
| 12. ditches     | 22. plumpness   |
| 13. aircraft    |                 |
| 14. cliffhanger |                 |
| 15. filmstrip   |                 |
| 16. lengthwise  |                 |

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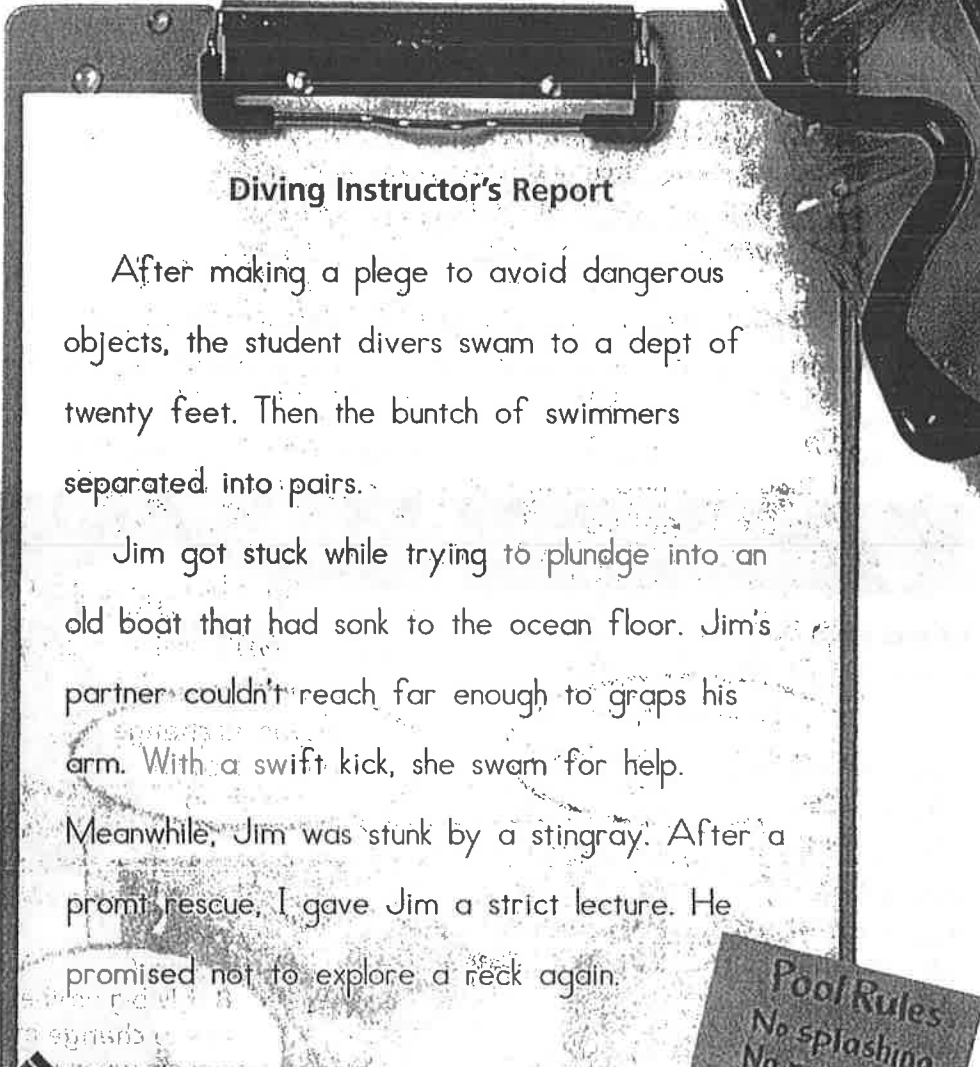


How Are You Doing?

List the spelling words that are hard for you. Practice them with a family member.

# Proofreading and Writing

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



## Diving Instructor's Report

After making a plege to avoid dangerous objects, the student divers swam to a dept of twenty feet. Then the buntch of swimmers separated into pairs.

Jim got stuck while trying to plundge into an old boat that had sunk to the ocean floor. Jim's partner couldn't reach far enough to grasps his arm. With a swift kick, she swam for help.

Meanwhile, Jim was stunk by a stingray. After a promit rescue, I gave Jim a strict lecture. He promised not to explore a reck again.

### Write a List

Create a list of water-safety rules. Try to use five spelling words. You might want to make your list into a poster.



**Proofreading Tip**

Check each word. Put a check mark over each word as you look at it.

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### Proofreading Marks

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

## Real-World Connection

**Science: Underwater Exploration** All the words in the box relate to underwater exploration. Look up these words in your Spelling Dictionary. Then write the words to complete this article.



### Sunken Wreck Found!

The (1) Anya Meer and her assistants, exploring the depths of the Indian Ocean in a (2), made an amazing discovery when they were only one (3), or six feet, from the sea floor. Their (4) equipment indicated that a very large object was nearby.

Then they saw it: a three-masted Spanish (5) that had sunk in the 1500s. It had been (6) for nearly five hundred years. The crew decided to (7) the ship's (8), which included a trunk filled with pirates' treasures.

### Spelling Word Link

wreck

oceanographer  
submarine  
salvage  
fathom  
cargo  
submerged  
sonar  
galleon

### Try This Challenge

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

9. Sonar is used to track planes.
10. Tom tried to salvage his valuables from the fire.
11. An oceanographer studies lakes and ponds.
18. The divers were submerged for nearly an hour.

### Fact File

Captain William Kidd captured French ships for the English in the late 1600s. Accused of robbing friendly ships too, Kidd and his exploits inspired *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson.



## Expanding Vocabulary

**Spelling  
Word Link**  
plunge  
switch

**Using a Thesaurus** Where can you find an exact word to replace a vague word? Where can you find synonyms, words with the same or similar meanings? Use a thesaurus! Look at this entry.

main entry ...part of speech

definition

**fall** *v.* to come down suddenly from a standing position. *Hal tripped and fell.*

subentry

**plunge** to dive swiftly and with force. *Tina plunged into the waves.*

**tumble** to fall with a rolling motion. *Apples tumbled from the crate.*

sample  
sentence

1-4. \*Use Classroom Webster Thesaurus, Pgs 107-108. Then use the Thesaurus to find the four subentries given for the word *change*. Write the subentries.

**Show You Know!** Write the subentry that best replaces *change* in each speech balloon.

5. Let me just **change** the lens on my camera. Now smile!

6. See, they *did change* diving equipment over the years!

7. Maybe if I **change** poles, I'll catch something.



8. My big brother tries to **change** my manners when we're with his friends.