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## Unit 5

## Assessment and Remediation Guide



# Section VI (Unit 5) 

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## Spelling Alternatives and Tricky Spellings

| Focus: Spelling Alternatives | Teaching | Materials |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Warm-Up | Working in a small group, show students Spelling Cards previously taught. <br> Say the sound and have students repeat or have students say the sound as you show students the Spelling Card. | previously taught <br> Spelling Cards <br> Code Flip Books |
| Introduction/ <br> Teaching | Ask students for the spellings they know for the particular sound. <br> Write the spellings and write several words with that spelling. Introduce the spelling alternative. <br> Write words with the alternate spelling. <br> Go over the alternative spelling by reviewing the spelling of the target sound and words that are written with that spelling, using the Spelling Card(s) and Vowel Code Flip Book. <br> Have students repeat the words. <br> Repeat the words and ask students where the target sound is located, as they refer to the Individual Code Chart. | board or chart paper Spelling Card(s) <br> Vowel Code Flip Book <br> Individual Code Chart |
| Guided Practice | Have a pocket chart or chart paper or use the board with a column for each spelling alternative. <br> Give students cards with words with the different spellings of the target sound. <br> Students read their words and place them under the correct column by spelling. | pocket chart or chart paper on board |
| Suggested Independent Practice | Students can read isolated words with targeted sound. <br> Students can read list of words or phrases with targeted sound. <br> More proficient students can read connected decodable text with targeted sound. |  |

## Section VI-A

Spelling Alternatives 'o', 'ou', and 'o_e' >/u/ Word Lists

Name: $\qquad$
Spelling Alternative: 'o' >/u/ (son)

| comfort | develop | carrot | among | another | apron |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| becoming | freedom | gallon | canyon | blossom | brother |
| gallop | honey | isolate | kingdom | lemon | mammoth |
| nobody | observe | person | reason | season | together |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | union | violent |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$
Spelling Alternative: 'ou' >/u/ (touch)

| country | couple | double | famous | generous |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| nervous | southern | young | enormous | dangerous |
| furious | cousin | curious | jealous | trouble |
| marvelous | humorous | numerous | serious |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$
Spelling Alternative: 'o_e' >/u/ (come)

| above | become | done | dove |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| love | glove | none | shove |
| beloved | come | income | overcome |
| purpose | welcome | handsome |  |

## Section VI-A

Spelling Alternatives 'o', 'ou', and 'o_e' > /u/ Worksheets

Name: $\qquad$
Sort the words by spelling. Write the words that have the /u/ sound spelled 'u' under bug. Write the words that have the $/ \mathbf{u} /$ sound spelled ' $\mathbf{o}$ ' under other.

| rush | trust | bunch | son |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| month | ugly | mother | until |
| truck | unkind | money | front |

$/ \mathrm{u} /$ spelled ' u '
as in bug
rush
/u/ spelled 'o’
as in other

Name: $\qquad$

## Fill in the Blanks

1. We heard the $\qquad$ before we saw the lightning.
2. My $\qquad$ , not my dad, woke me up this morning.
3. I wish I had some $\qquad$ to buy some candy.
4. I feel $\qquad$ when I don't get plenty of sleep.
5. King Tut's $\qquad$ was discovered in 1922.
6. Did you $\qquad$ your nose when you sneezed?
7. The $\qquad$ is a brass instrument.
8. Did you know that 12 cookies make one $\qquad$ ?

Name: $\qquad$

## Fill in the Blanks

| double |  |  | humorous |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| serious | curious | cousin | young |

1. My aunt's child is my $\qquad$ .
2. I don't like to get in $\qquad$ .
3. The storyteller was $\qquad$ and made us giggle.
4. This is a $\qquad$ , not funny, book.
5. Most cats are $\qquad$ about things.
6. He is very $\qquad$ at age two.
7. Mom was $\qquad$ when we broke her favorite lamp.
8. I would like a $\qquad$ scoop of ice cream.

Name: $\qquad$
Find a word from the box that is a synonym for each word.

|  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| love | none | come | above

1. zero
2. enter
3. wanted
4. push $\qquad$
5. cute $\qquad$
6. bird
7. up
8. like

Name: $\qquad$
Read the words in the box aloud. Write the best word from the box to complete each sentence.

| younger | none | welcome |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| gloves | enormous | touched |

1. Is your sister older or $\qquad$ than you?
2. When it is cold, I cover my hands with $\qquad$ .
3. The mat on the porch said " $\qquad$ ."
4. If you eat it all, there will be $\qquad$ left for me.
5. An antonym of "tiny" is " $\qquad$ ."
6. The baby cried after she $\qquad$ the hot stove.

Write two new sentences using two of the words from the box.

Name: $\qquad$
Read the words in the box aloud. Write the best word from the box to complete each sentence.

| nervous | dove | country |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| love | shove | poisonous |

1. We looked up and saw a white $\qquad$ flying by.
2. I like hamburgers, but I really $\qquad$ ice cream!
3. Mexico is a $\qquad$ .
4. It's not nice to hit or $\qquad$ .
5. When I have to take a test, I get $\qquad$ .
6. Some spiders and snakes are $\qquad$ .

Write two new sentences using two of the words from the box.
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$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Name: $\qquad$
The words shown below contain the /u/ sound, written with various spellings. Read the words. Use each word in an oral sentence.

| but | some | other | just | such |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| come | mother | under | done | money |
| brother | southern | touch | run | young |
|  |  |  |  | none |
| trouble | month | son |  | bus |

Name: $\qquad$
This chart shows four spellings for the $/ \mathbf{u} /$ sound. Use the chart to fill in the worksheet on the following pages.

|  | 'u' | 'o' | 'ou' | 'o_e' |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| b | buddy <br> buzz | brother | boisterous | become |
| $\mathbf{c}$ | cup | cover | cousin | country |

Name: $\qquad$
Use the chart on the previous page to fill in the blanks.

1. Count the words on the chart that have the sound $/ u /$ spelled ' $u$ ' and write the number here. $\qquad$
2. Count the words on the chart that have the sound $/ \mathrm{u} /$ spelled 'o' and write the number here. $\qquad$
3. Count the words on the chart that have the sound $/ u /$ spelled 'ou' and write the number here. $\qquad$
4. Count the words on the chart that have the sound $/ \mathrm{u} /$ spelled 'o_e' and write the number here. $\qquad$
5. Which spelling for $/ \mathrm{u} /$ has the most words?
6. Which word on the chart names something bees make?
7. Which word on the chart means twelve of something?
8. Which word on the chart is a synonym for good-looking?

Name: $\qquad$
9. Which word on the chart is a synonym for cup?
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10. Which word on the chart is an antonym for hate?
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11. Which word on the chart is an antonym for old?
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12. Which word on the chart is a synonym for mom?
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13. Which word on the chart is a proper noun?
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14. Which word on the chart is a synonym for finished?
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15. Write a sentence using at least two words from the chart here:

Name: $\qquad$
Sort the words by sound. Write the words found in the sentences that have ' $\mathbf{o}$ ' sounded /o/ under hop. Write the words that have 'o' sounded /oe/ under open. Write the words that have ' $\mathbf{o}$ ' sounded $/ \mathbf{u} /$ under son.

| $69$ | /o/ | hop | drop | spot |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | /oe/ | open | hotel | no |
|  | /u/ | son | front | coming |


|  | /o/ as in hop | /oe/ as in open | $/ \mathrm{u} / \mathrm{as}$ in son |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. I need to find my father and mother. |  |  | mother |
| and two brothers. |  |  |  |
| 3. Is the watch silver or gold? |  |  |  |
| 4. The baby has a bottle. |  |  |  |
| Is my ankle <br> 5. sprained or broken? |  |  |  |
| When I broke my <br> 6. leg, I went to the hospital. |  |  |  |
| 7. This is a difficult math problem |  |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$
Write the words found in the sentences that have the tricky spelling 'o' sounded /o/ under hop, the words that have the tricky spelling 'o' sounded/oe/ under open, and the words that have the tricky spelling ' $\mathbf{o}$ ' sounded $/ \mathbf{u} /$ under son.

|  | $\mathrm{CO}^{,} \rightarrow$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { /o/ } \\ & \text { /oe/ } \\ & \text { /u/ } \end{aligned}\right.$ | hop | drop | model |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | open | hotel | no |
|  |  |  | son | front | coming |
|  |  |  | /o/ as in hop | /oe/ as in open | $/ \mathrm{u} /$ as in son |
| There are 31 days in the month of March. |  |  |  |  | month |
| 2. The kids are eating popsicles. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. When he swims, he wears goggles. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Rats, mice, and hamsters are rodents. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. I like reading poetry. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. She is reading a novel. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. The horses galloped past us. |  |  |  |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$

## Tricky Spelling ' ${ }^{\prime}$ ’

Teacher: Write the target words on the board or chart. Beside the target word write the two possible divisions of the word. Read the sample sentence aloud to the students. Try both divisions of the word in the sentence. Ask students to tell you which is correct.
$' o$ ’ /o/ (bop) vs. 'o' > /oe/ (open) vs. 'o' >/u/(son)

| Target Word | Possible division | 2nd possible division | Possible sentence for meaning (Remember the sentence is done orally.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| open | o pen | op en | Is the store ___ or closed? |
| hotel | ho tel | hot el | We will stay at the $\qquad$ for two nights when we are on vacation. |
| coming | co ming | com ing | Are you ___ to my party? |
| modest | mod est | mo dest | Someone who does not brag is said to be |
| dropping | dro pping | drop ping | We will be $\qquad$ you off at your play date on the way to the mall. |
| hopping | ho pping | hop ping | The bunny rabbit is $\qquad$ down the bunny trail. |
| hoping | ho ping | hop ing | I am $\qquad$ to get my homework done on time this week. |
| potting | pot ting | po tting | Mom used ___ soil for the flowers. |
| police | po lice | pol ice | Please call the ___ to help us stop the thief. |
| motion | mo tion | mot ion | Sometimes I get $\qquad$ sickness from riding in the car. |

Name: $\qquad$
Write the words with the tricky spelling 'o' sounded/o/ under stop, the words with the tricky spelling 'o' sounded/oe/ under hotel, and the words with the tricky spelling ' $\mathbf{o}$ ' sounded $/ \mathbf{u}$ / under from.

| front | pollen | open | hoping |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| cover | model | kingdom | motel |
| command | topic | noble | tropical |

> /o/
> as in stop
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/oe/
as in hotel
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/u/ as in from
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Name: $\qquad$
If a square has a word with the letter ' $o$ ' sounded $/ o /$, make it red. If a square has a word with the letter 'o' sounded /oe/, make it yellow. If a square has a word with the letter ' $\mathbf{o}$ ' sounded $/ \mathbf{u} /$, make it green.

| motel | only | person | cottage | total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| money | cannot | problem | over | coming |
| also | going | process | almost | modern |
| reason | period | product | program | provide |
| bodies | solid | brother | focus | radio |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$
Write the words with the tricky spelling ' $o$ ' sounded /o/ under stop, the words with the tricky spelling 'o' sounded /oe/ under hotel, and the words with the tricky spelling 'o' sounded $/ \mathbf{u} /$ under from. Sort only the words in which the ' $\mathbf{o}$ ' is underlined.

Last month, my older brother won second place in a hot dog eating contest. To win, he had to eat the most hot dogs. Well, my brother ate lots and lots of hot dogs-most of the people competing found it impossible to eat as many. At the closing ceremony, my brother was given a ton of money (one thousand bucks) and a trophy of a golden hot dog. My brother slipped the money in his pocket and smiled modestly as people took his snapshot. It was a fine moment for my brother.

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$\qquad$
/oe/
as in hotel

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Name: $\qquad$
Sort the words by sound. Write the words found in the sentences that have 'o_e' sounded /oe/ under home. Write the words that have 'o_e' sounded/u/ under come.

|  | /oe/ <br> /u/ | home | those | wrote |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | come | none | love |


|  | /oe/ as in home | /u/ as in come |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1. We can leave when we are <br> done. |  | done |

2. Adam is wearing gloves.
3. Alan is digging a hole.
4. Do you want all of that bacon or just some of it?
5. Her youngest son went skiing down the slope.
6. Take small bites so that you don't choke.
7. Simon tied a knot in the rope.

Name: $\qquad$
Write the words found in the sentences that have the tricky spelling 'o_e' sounded /oe/ under home and the words that have the tricky spelling 'o_e' sounded/u/ under come.

| C | $e^{9 \rightarrow}$ | /oe/ | home | those | trombone |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | /u/ | come | none | love |


|  | loe/ as in home | /u/ as in come |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Even if you are mad, you <br> should not shove. |  | shove |

2. I like ice cream cones.
3. That is not the letter that I wrote.
4. The mat on the porch said "Welcome!"
5. Do you want a slice or do you want the whole thing?
6. A rock is a lot like a stone.

Name: $\qquad$

## Tricky Spelling 'o_e'

Teacher: Write the target words on the board or chart. Beside the target word write the two possible divisions of the word. Read the sample sentence aloud to the students. Try both divisions of the word in the sentence. Ask students to tell you which is correct.
'o_e' > /oe/ (home) vs. 'o_e' >/u/(come)

| Target Word | Possible pronunciation | 2nd possible pronunciation | Possible sentence for meaning <br> (Remember the sentence is done orally.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| above | ab/oe/ve | $\mathrm{ab} / \mathrm{u} / \mathrm{ve}$ | Look ___ the desk not below it. |
| alone | al/oe/ne | $\mathrm{al} / \mathrm{u} / \mathrm{ne}$ | I am all ___ at home until Mom gets here. |
| done | d/oe/ne | d/u/ne | What should I do when I am $\qquad$ with my work? |
| dove | d/oe/ve | d/u/ve | A ___ is usually white. |
| robe | r/oe/be | r/u/be | Could you please get my bath ___ |
| mole | m/oe/le | m/u/le | A $\qquad$ is a small animal that lives almost completely underground. |
| cone | cloe/ne | c/u/ne | Would you like an ice cream ___ ? |
| none | n/oe/ne | n/u/ne | ___ of us wants to miss recess. |
| shove | sh/oe/ve | sh/u/ve | Please do not ___ in line. |
| glove | gl/oe/ve | gl/u/ve | I have lost my |

Name: $\qquad$
First read the words in the box. Write the words with the tricky spelling 'o_e' sounded /oe/ under hope and the words with the tricky spelling 'o_e' sounded/u/ under done.

| role | welcome | notebook | shove |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| glove | vote | none | choke |
| lovely | rope | bone | stole |

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& \text { role } \\
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Name: $\qquad$
Write the words found in the sentences that have the tricky spelling 'ou' sounded /ou/ under shout and the words that have the tricky spelling 'ou' sounded/u/ under touch.

|  | /ou/ | shout | out | mountain |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | /u/ | touch | country | jealous |


|  |  | lou/ as in shout | /u/ as in touch |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Is he old or young? |  | young |
| 2. | The sky has lots of clouds. |  |  |
| 3. | The lake is enormous. |  |  |
| 4. | Did you hear that sound? |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$
Write the words found in the sentences that have the tricky spelling 'ou' sounded /ou/ under shout and the words that have the tricky spelling 'ou' sounded /u/ under touch.

| ( $\quad, \rightarrow$ | /ou/ | shout | out | proud |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U | /u/ | touch | country | jealous |


|  | /ou/ as in shout | /u/ as in touch |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. When he got an A and I got a |  |  |
| B, I felt jealous. |  |  |$\quad$| Wealous |
| :--- | :--- |

2. Stop being silly. It's time to be serious.
3. The cookie is flat and round.
4. They are sitting on the couch.

## David is my uncle and Rachel is my cousin.

6. That radio is too loud!
7. When she is upset, she pouts.

Name: $\qquad$

## Tricky Spelling 'ou’

Teacher: Write the target words on the board or chart. Beside the target word write the two possible divisions of the word. Read the sample sentence aloud to the students. Try both divisions of the word in the sentence. Ask students to tell you which is correct.
'ou' > /ou/ (shout) vs. 'ou' >/u/ (touch)

| Target <br> Word | Possible <br> pronunciation | 2nd possible <br> pronunciation | Possible sentence for meaning <br> (Remember the sentence is done orally.) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| country | c/ou/ntry | $\mathrm{c} / \mathrm{u} / \mathrm{ntry}$ | Do you live in the___ or in the city? |
| double | $\mathrm{d} / \mathrm{ou} / \mathrm{ble}$ | $\mathrm{d} / \mathrm{u} / \mathrm{ble}$ | I would like a ___ scoop of ice cream. |

Name: $\qquad$
Write the words with the tricky spelling 'ou' sounded/ou/ under mouth and the words with the tricky spelling 'ou' sounded /u/ under touch.

| outing | serious | dangerous | about |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| amount | southern | cousin | shouting |
| youngster | thousand | background | counter |
| lou/ <br> as in mouth |  | /u/ <br> outing in touch |  |

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## Section VI-A

## Spelling Alternatives ' $\mathbf{o}$ ', 'ou', and 'o_e' > /u/ Practice Sentences and Stories for Oral Reading

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My younger cousin, Doug, lives in the country. Cousin Doug is a person who is curious. Sometimes he gets into dangerous spots. Sometimes humorous things happen to Cousin Doug. A couple of times, his mom has been furious with him.


Name: $\qquad$
Come here, Dove!
Will you sit on my glove?
Come here, Dove!
You are welcome here, Dove.
Come here, Dove!
What a handsome dove you are.
Come here, Dove!
Will you fly about the trees?
Come here, Dove!
Can you come down, please?
Come here, Dove!
Do not shove the leaves in the trees.
Come here, Dove!


## Section VI-B

Spelling Alternatives 'a', 'e', 'al', 'il', 'el', 'le', and 'tion' > /ə/ Lesson

## Spelling Spoilers Story

Read "The Spelling Spoilers" on the next pages aloud to the students. The story describes a group of bad guys called "The Spelling Spoilers" who are trying to ruin the students' spelling by convincing them to spell schwa with the letter ' $u$ '.

Be sure to read the story to yourself before reading it to the class since there are places where you will need to fill in your name, the name of your school, and the name of your community.

You will also need to write on a chalkboard (or white board) as you present the readaloud.

Use your best "TV villain voice" to make the Head Spelling Spoiler sound as villainous as possible. His laughter is meant to sound like the schwa sound: /u/ . . $/ \mathrm{u} / \ldots / \mathrm{u} /$ ! If you find that hard to say, you can have him laugh like this: huh . . . huh . . . huh!

As you present the read-aloud, be sure to point out to students the pictures printed after the story of the Spelling Spoilers that follows.


## The Spelling Spoilers

Deep in his underground lair, the Head Spelling Spoiler spoke to the other Spelling Spoilers.
"Fellow Spoilers, our plot to ruin spelling in the United States is going well!"
He paused to let out a long cackle of strange-sounding laughter: "/u/. . .
/u/ . . . /u/!"

## [Point to the first picture on the page that follows the story.]

The Head Spelling Spoiler went on: "There are lots of children out there who can't spell well. And there are lots of adults who can't spell well either. And, best of all, there are adults who are telling the children that English spelling makes no sense. All of these things show that our master plan to ruin spelling in this country is working!"

Then he cackled again: "/u/ . . . /u/ . . . /u/!"
All of the other Spoilers began whispering happily among themselves.
Then the Head Spoiler lowered his voice and began speaking again.
"But I am afraid the news is not all good."

[Point to the second picture on the first line of the page that follows the story.]
The other Spoilers fell silent.
"I have received an alarming report from [insert name of your town]. It seems that the students at [insert name of your school] are learning what they need to know to become very good spellers."

The Spoilers fidgeted in their seats nervously.
"I am especially concerned about Mr./Ms. [insert your name]'s class. I am told that the students in that class know five ways to spell the /oe/ sound."

The Spoilers moaned.
"I am told that the children in Mr./Ms. [insert your name]'s class know four ways to spell the /ae/ sound."
The Spoilers groaned.
"And, worst of all, I am told that the students in Mr./Ms. [insert your name]'s class know seven ways to spell the /ee/ sound."

The Spoilers gasped.
"No! It can't be true!" cried one of the Spoilers.
The Head Spelling Spoiler spoke again: "Fellow Spoilers, I don't have to tell you that the situation is serious. If those children can spell sounds like/ae/, /oe/, and /ee/, they are on the verge of becoming good spellers. There's only one thing that can stop them from becoming really good spellers. And that is our old friend, schwa."

[Point to schwa picture, the third picture on the page that follows the story.]
Ah, yes, schwa! The spoilers all smiled and nodded. They knew that schwa had been messing up children's spelling for many years. Schwa caused more spelling problems than almost anything else. It was a Spelling Spoiler's best friend.
"You Spoilers all know that schwa is a sound that sounds a lot like $/ \mathrm{u} /$. But it is not necessarily spelled with the letter 'u'. And that's just what we need to ruin the children's spelling! /u/ . . /u/ . . . /u/!"
"Now, the next few weeks are going to be very important. I want all of you to make yourselves invisible. Then I want you to go out to Mr./Ms. [insert your name]'s classroom. Whenever the students are writing, and they come to a word that has the schwa sound in it, I want you to be there, whispering in their ears, 'Spell it with a ' $u$ '! Spell it with a 'u!'"

All the Spoilers started to chant: "Spell it with a 'u'! Spell it with a ' $u$ '!"
"That's the spirit!" said the Head Spoiler. "If we can get them to spell the schwa sound with a ' $u$ ', they will make hundreds of mistakes."

He cackled: "/u/ . . . /u/ . . . /u/!"
[Point to the fourth picture on the page that follows the story.]
"If we can get them to spell the schwa sound with a 'u', they will write the word about like this."
[Write ubout on the board.]
"Whereas we know it is really spelled like this."
[Cross out ubout and write about.]
"If we can get them to spell the schwa sound with a ' $\mathbf{u}$ ', they will write reporter like this."
"Or maybe like this."
[Write riporter on the board.]
"Whereas we know it is really spelled like this."
[Cross out ruporter and riporter; write reporter on the board.]
"And, best of all, they will write America like this."
[Write Umericu on the board.]
"Whereas we know it is really spelled like this."
[Cross out Umericu and write America on the board.]
"Ah, how I love to see the word America spelled with two u's!"
He cackled his loudest cackle yet: "/u/ . . . /u/ . . . /u/!"
"So, my little Spoilers, you know what to do! Get out there and whisper in their ears! Convince them to spell every schwa sound with a 'u'! Turn their spelling into rubbish! Spoil their spelling! /u/ . . . /u/ . . . /u/!"
[Point to the last picture on the page that follows the story.]


## The Spelling Spoilers



## Today's Spelling

20 minutes
Review of Schwa (/a/) and the /u/ Sound
Ask students to take out the worksheet that follows. Tell students it is time to try to beat the Spelling Spoilers by spelling the schwa and the $/ \mathrm{u} /$ sounds they have learned in this unit correctly.
Write about on the board and read it aloud. Point out that even though the first sound in about is / $\partial /$, the first letter in the printed word is ' $a$ '.
Have students copy about into the far left column on the worksheet labeled "Copy."
They should say the sound of each letter as they copy the word.
Erase the word from the board.
Have students fold the worksheet along the dotted line so that about is facing the desk. Have students write about from memory in the middle column on the worksheet labeled "Spell." They should say the sound of each letter as they write the word. Tell students to unfold the worksheet and compare the word they just wrote from memory with the word they copied earlier.
If any of the students spelled the word incorrectly, have them erase the incorrect spelling and print the correct spelling.
Tell students to make a mark on the worksheet indicating whether they beat the Spelling Spoilers or not.
Repeat these steps with the remaining words in the following box.
Note: The letter or letters in each word that stand for the schwa or the /u/ sound are bolded.

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1. about
2. China
3. around
4. Africa
5. appetite
10. touch
```

Beat the Spoilers
The Spelling Spoilers are trying to wreck your spelling. Foil them by spelling the words your teacher says the right way.



## Section VI-B

Spelling Alternatives 'a', 'e', 'al', 'il', 'el', 'le', and 'tion' > /ə/ Word Lists

Name: $\qquad$
Spelling Alternative: 'a’>/ə/ (about)

| across | afraid | balloon | banana | zebra |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| pajamas | roman | Cuba | separate | woman |
| voyage | extra | purchase | giant | human |
| village | sofa | organ | pyramid | vacant |
| idea | among | lava | salad | mama |
| soda | nowadays | umbrella | pyramid | palace |
| theater | vacant | vitamin |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$
Spelling Alternative: 'e’>/ə/(debate)

| ashen | vinegar | anthem | appetite |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ticket | taken | Kentucky | benefit |
| category | element | comedy | ceremony |
| tragedy | severe | correspond | courtesy |
| debate | bucket | hello | supplement |
| arithmetic | cafeteria |  |  |
|  |  |  | eleven |



Name: $\qquad$
Spelling Alternative: 'al' > /a/ + /l/ (animal)

| loyal | local | legal | musical | burial |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| capital | cardinal | carnival | casual | central |
| tidal | total | mortal | musical | rural |
| mammal | manual | material | medal | medical |
| mental | royal | rival | rental | plural |
| petal | pedal | oval | oral | normal |
| naval | natural | national | formal | final |
| festival | fatal | equal | global | general |
| hospital | illegal | dental | dial | dismal |
| disposal | vital | vocal | verbal | magical |
| journal | metal | animal | admiral | cereal |
| coastal | crystal | signal | spiral | approval |

Name: $\qquad$
Spelling Alternative: 'il' >/ə/ + /l/ (pencil)

| angrily | April | civil | devil | easily |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| evil | family | fossil | happily | hastily |
| nostril | pencil | utensils | lentil | jubilee |
|  | tonsils | pupil | readily | similar |
|  |  | steadily |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$
Spelling Alternative: ‘el’>/ə/ + /l/ (travel)

| kennel | funnel | flannel | towel | travel |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| tunnel | vowel | bushel | cancel | duel |
| easel | morsel | shovel | jewel | label |
| model | nickel | novel | rebel | angel |
| antelope | barrel | squirrel | chapel | select |
| level | camel | channel | gravel | cruel |
| enamel | envelope |  | excellent | hazel |

Name: $\qquad$
Spelling Alternative: 'le’>/a/ + /l/ (apple)

| able | ample | angle | ankle | axle | battle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| beetle | bicycle | bottle | bubble | cable | whistle |
| wrinkle | candle | castle | cattle | circle | couple |
| cradle | double | eagle | example | freckle | gentle |
| giggle | handle | horrible | huddle | humble | idle |
| jungle | kettle | little | maple | marble | middle |
| miracle | muffle | muzzle | needle | paddle | pebble |
| people | pickle | puddle | purple | puzzle | rattle |
| riddle | saddle | simple | single | sparkle | stable |
| stumble | table | tackle | tangle | temple | title |
|  | visible | vegetable |  |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$
Spelling Alternative: 'tion' >/sh/+/a/+/n/ (action)

| action | addition | adoption | affection |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| attention | caution | condition | connection |
| creation | decoration | definition | direction |
| education | election | emotion | eruption |
| exception | fiction | fraction | injection |
| infection | invention | junction | location |
| mention | motion | nation | notion |
| operation | population | position | reaction |
| section | station | tradition | vacation |

## Section VI-B

Spelling Alternatives 'a', 'e', 'al', 'il', 'el', 'le', and 'tion' > /ə/ Worksheets

Name: $\qquad$
Read aloud the words in the box. Then write the best word from the box to complete each sentence.

| afraid | adults | telescope |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| appetite | about | orange |

1. My parents are both $\qquad$ .
2. I eat a lot. I have a big $\qquad$ .
3. Doug looks at the stars with his $\qquad$ .
4. Should we paint the walls yellow or $\qquad$ ?
5. Is your book $\qquad$ a king and queen?
6. I am not $\qquad$ of the dark.

Write two new sentences using two of the words from the box.

Name: $\qquad$

## Fill in the Blanks

| about | China | around | Africa | appetite |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tennessee | love | cousin | something | touch |

1. $\qquad$ is a country in the Far East.
2. $\qquad$ is a state in our country.
3. Your aunt's child is your $\qquad$ .
4. Do not $\qquad$ a hot stove!
5. I worked up an $\qquad$ by chopping wood for the fire.
6. $\qquad$ is a continent.
7. Can you tell me $\qquad$ your book?
8. Let's look $\qquad$ the room for the lost book.
9. I $\qquad$ to eat snow cream in winter.
10. I have $\qquad$ to say about that.

Name: $\qquad$

## Fill in the Blanks

| lemon | season | together | kingdom |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| brother | honey | Canyon | mammoth |

1. Which
$\qquad$
follows spring?
2. Sir Gus was a knight of the $\qquad$
3. The woolly $\qquad$ was a huge animal.
4. The $\qquad$ is a tart fruit.
5. Would you like to play $\qquad$
6. My $\qquad$ bugs me!
7. The Grand $\qquad$ is a park.
8. I like $\qquad$ in my tea.

Name: $\qquad$
Find a word from the box that is an antonym for each word.

| nowadays | vacant | extra | palace |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| giant | purchase | vitamin | damage |

1. perfect
2. candy
3. sell
4. small
5. hut
6. barely
7. full $\qquad$
8. past

Name: $\qquad$
Find a word from the box that is an antonym for each word.

| neglect | vinegar | cafeteria | comedy |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| secure | ashen | hello | decay |

1. soda
2. dining room
3. fresh $\qquad$
4. good-bye $\qquad$
5. flushed
6. loose
7. serious $\qquad$
8. feed

Name: $\qquad$
Use the words from the box to find the secret message.

| oval | skeletal | plural | petal |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| mammal | oral | cereal | rural |

1. More than one

2. Pretty part of flower $\square-\frac{}{2}$
3. Warm-blooded animal

4. Reading out loud is called $\qquad$ $\square$ $\qquad$
5. You may eat it in the morning

6. In the country

7. Having to do with your bones
$\overline{9}-\frac{}{8}$
8. Not quite round $\qquad$

$$
\begin{gathered}
-\frac{W}{2}-\frac{3}{4}-\frac{3}{5}-\frac{7}{8}!
\end{gathered}
$$

Name: $\qquad$
Use a word from the box to fill in each line.

| nostril | angrily | evil | easily |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| April | jubilee | lentil | pupil |
| steadily | similar | pencil | utensils |

1. month after March
2. a kind of soup
3. you are one and you have one in each eye
4. looks alike
5. Not a pen
6. Knife, fork and spoon
7. At the same rate
8. A happy party
9. It is part of your nose.
10. mad
11. not good
12. no problem


Name: $\qquad$
Sort the words by spelling. Write the words that have the 'ul' ending under useful. Write the words that have the 'al' ending under metal. Write the words that have the 'il' ending under April.

| haminful | fossil | hospital | evil |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| total | pencil | several | awful |
| peaceful | hopeful | normal | civil |

'ul'
as in useful
harmful

Name: $\qquad$
Help Hazel on her way. Write a word from the box on each space.

| vowel | nickel | enamel | level |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| channels | telescope | antelope | envelope |

1. You put a letter in this
2. An animal with antlers
3. You can see the stars with this
4. You have a lot of these on TV
5. even
6. The white part of your teeth
7. 5 cents
8. a, e, i, o, u are all this


Name: $\qquad$
Write a word for each picture from the box.

| single | whistle | cattle | bicycle |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| candle | marbles | needle | puzzle |



1. It has two wheels: $\qquad$
2. Your P.E. teacher many have one:
3. Round glass spheres: $\qquad$
4. Jigsaw: $\qquad$
5. A $\qquad$ and thread
6. This is on your birthday cake: $\qquad$
7. Just one: $\qquad$
8. Lots of cows: $\qquad$

Name: $\qquad$

## Fill in the Blanks

| bubble | apples | beagles | noodles | eagle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| maple | single | candle | poodles | stable |

1. A horse will stay in the $\qquad$ on a rainy day.
2. Mom likes to light a $\qquad$ on the table at supper.
3. A $\qquad$ leaf is on the Canadian flag.
4. $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ are kinds of dogs.
5. I like to blow a big $\qquad$ with my gum.
6. Would you like to help me pick the $\qquad$ from the tree?
7. An $\qquad$ is a symbol of our country.
8. I like to eat spaghetti $\qquad$ .
9. I can't eat just one $\qquad$ chip, I can eat the entire bag.

Name: $\qquad$

## Dear Family Member,

The words shown below all end with 'le'. Please help your child practice reading these words. Ask your child to use each word in an oral sentence after he or she reads it.

| single | handle | gamble | temple |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| stable | cradle | idle | twinkle |
| able | title | needle | apple |
| gurgle | jingle | cattle | purple |
| bubble | eagle | steeple | beagle |
|  |  |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$

## Fill in the Blanks

| mother | camel | decide | cover | animals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| jungle | cousin | fossils | angels | chief |
| petals | bubble | afraid | wonderful | little |

1. Could you help me $\qquad$ between a cookie or a cupcake?
2. I call my $\qquad$ , "Mom."
3. It was a $\qquad$ party and we all had fun!
4. An animal with two humps is called a $\qquad$ .
5. I have a night light because I am $\qquad$ of the dark.
6. Monkeys live in the $\qquad$ .
7. The rose $\qquad$ were scattered in front of the bride.
8. I like to blow a big $\qquad$ with my gum.
9. My $\qquad$ and aunt will come to spend the night.

Name: $\qquad$

| mother | camel | decide | cover | animals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| jungle | cousin | fossils | angels | chief |
| petals | bubble | afraid | wonderful | little |

10. The baby bird is too $\qquad$ to fly.
11. A zoo has a lot of $\qquad$ .
12. Will you $\qquad$ the dish before you place it in the fridge?
13. Some of the $\qquad$ were from long, long ago.
14. The leader of a Native American tribe is often called a
$\qquad$ .
15. Some people believe that $\qquad$ have wings.

Name: $\qquad$

## Fill in the Blanks

| hospital | decide | normal | America |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| pedal | petals | animal | cheerful |
| April | signal | emergency | principal |
| appear | dangerous | equals | helpful |

1. In an $\qquad$ , call 911.
2. The rose ___ smell great!
3. She is always smiling and $\qquad$ .
4. It would be $\qquad$ to me if you would clean your room.
5. My favorite $\qquad$ is a panda.
6. She is a nurse in a

Name: $\qquad$

| hospital | decide | normal | America |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| pedal | petals | animal | cheerful |
| April | signal | emergency | principal |
| appear | dangerous | equals | helpful |

7. The month after March is $\qquad$ .
8. I can't $\qquad$ if I would like red or pink
ribbons.
9. Two plus two $\qquad$ four.
10. We live in the United States of $\qquad$ .
11. It is very $\qquad$ to skate on thin ice.
12. Turn left at the next traffic $\qquad$ .

Name: $\qquad$

## Fill in the Blanks

| station | eptions | attention |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| infection | dictionary | vacation |

1. Select one of the following $\qquad$ options .
2. If you don't know what a word means, you can look it up in the
$\qquad$ .
3. This summer, we will take a $\qquad$ .
4. If you don't clean that cut, you might get an $\qquad$ .
5. We need to stop at a gas $\qquad$ .
6. If you want to understand, you should pay $\qquad$ .

Name: $\qquad$

# Fill in the Blanks 

| reflection | lotion | potion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| invention | stationery | emotions |

1. The witch is making a sleeping $\qquad$ .
2. If you look in the pond, you will see your $\qquad$ staring
back at you.
3. Carol wrote the letter on $\qquad$ .
4. To keep your skin from drying out, use $\qquad$ .
5. Jealousy and anger are $\qquad$ .
6. The wheel is a great $\qquad$ .

## Section VI-B

## Tricky Spellings ' a ' and ' e ' Worksheets

Name: $\qquad$

## Sort the underlined words with tricky spellings.

| $a^{9}$ | /a/ <br> /ael <br> /a/ | hat | band | last |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | paper | later | lady |
|  |  | about | along | balloon |



Name: $\qquad$
Sort the underlined words with tricky spellings.

| $a^{9}$ | $\rightarrow$ | /a/ <br> /ae/ | hat | band | last |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\rightarrow$ |  | paper | later | lady |
|  | $\rightarrow$ | /2/ | about | along | balloon |


|  | /a/ as in hat | /ae/ as in paper | /ə/ as in about |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. She has a yellow cap. |  |  |  |
| 2. She is wearing her silver necklace. |  |  |  |
| 3. To mail this letter, I need one stamp. |  |  |  |
| 4. When my mom cooks, she wears her apron. |  |  |  |
| 5. I need a map to find the park. |  |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$

## Tricky Spelling: ‘a’

Teacher: Write the target words on the board or chart. Beside the target word write the two possible divisions of the word. Read the sample sentence aloud to the students. Try both divisions of the word in the sentence. Ask students to tell you which is correct.

$$
‘ \mathfrak{a} ’>/ \mathrm{a} /(\text { bat }) \text { vs. } \mathfrak{a} ’>/ \mathrm{ae} /(\text { paper }) \text { vs. } \mathfrak{a} ’>/ \partial /(a b o u t)
$$

| Target Word | Possible <br> division | 2nd possible division | Possible sentence for meaning (Remember the sentence is done orally.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cabin | ca bin | cab in | We will stay at the ___ in the woods. |
| paper | pa per | pap er | I need a sheet of ___ to write my words. |
| table | tab le | ta ble | We eat supper at the |
| basket | bas ket | ba sket | Please place the eggs in the Easter |
| napkin | nap kin | na pkin | Use the ___ to wipe your face. |
| crater | cra ter | crat er | The volcano ___ is huge. |
| faster | fas ter | fa ster | The rabbit is ___ than the tortoise. |
| rapid | rap id | ra pid | Another word for fast is ___ |
| magic | mag ic | ma gic | The ___ hat is on Frosty's head. |
| major | maj or | ma jor | In the army, a ___ is an officer. |

Name: $\qquad$
Write the underlined words with the tricky spelling 'a' sounded/a/ under bad, the words with the tricky spelling 'a' sounded /ae/ under acorn, the words with the tricky spelling 'a' sounded / $\partial /$ under about, and the words with the tricky spelling 'a' sounded /aw/ under hall. Sort only the words in which the 'a' is underlined.

I know a lady who happens to hąve ten babies. The lady spends all day feeding them, changing them, carrying them around, and washing them. When she's changing her babies, the lady has to watch that they don't fall off the changing table. When she's feeding her babies, the lady has to watch that they don't swallow something that they should not. It's a nonstop job. The crazy part is that the lady wants another ten babies! I cannot understand that!

| /a/ | lae/ | /o/ | /aw/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| as in bad | as in acorn | as in about | as in hall |

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Name: $\qquad$
If a square has a word with the letter 'a' sounded $/ \mathrm{a} /$, make it red.
If a square has a word with the letter 'a' sounded /ae/, make it yellow.
If a square has a word with the letter 'a' sounded $/ \partial /$, make it green. If a square has a word with the letter 'a' sounded/aw/, make it orange.

| after | about | began | family | around |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| matter | affect | halt | taken | cannot |
| radio | apple | perhaps | idea | avoid |
| rather | having | village | carry | cake |
| chapter | call |  | China | strange |
| ability | cher |  |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$
Write the words with the tricky spelling 'a' sounded /a/ under bad, the words with the tricky spelling 'a' sounded /ae/ under acorn, the words with the tricky spelling 'a' sounded / / / under about, and the words with the tricky spelling 'a' sounded /aw/ under hall.

| giant | lasted | faking | chapter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| fall | extra | alone | able |
| actress | orange | apple | around |
| /a/ as in bad | /ae/ as in acorn | /a/ as in about | /aw/ as in hall |
|  |  | giant |  |

Name: $\qquad$
The letter 'a' can stand for four sounds. Which sounds does it stand for in the underlined letters in these words? Mark all that apply.

| Alaska | $\bigcirc$ | /a/ as in cat | (6) $/ 2 /$ as in about |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc$ | /a/ as in table | $\bigcirc$ /aw/ as in wall |
| $\underline{\text { America }}$ | $\bigcirc$ | /a/ as in cat | $\bigcirc / \partial /$ as in about |
|  | $\bigcirc$ | /ae/ as in table | /aw/ as in wall |
| pajamas | $\bigcirc$ | /a/ as in cat | $\bigcirc / \partial /$ as in about |
|  | $\bigcirc$ | /ae/ as in table | $\bigcirc$ /aw/ as in wall |
| Canada | $\bigcirc$ | /a/ as in cat | $\bigcirc / \partial /$ as in about |
|  | $\bigcirc$ | /ae/ as in table | $\bigcirc$ /aw/ as in wall |
| Abraham | $\bigcirc$ | /a/ as in cat | $\bigcirc / \partial /$ as in about |
|  | $\bigcirc$ | /ae/ as in table | /aw/ as in wall |
| banana | $\bigcirc$ | /a/ as in cat | $\bigcirc / 2 /$ as in about |
|  | $\bigcirc$ | /ae/ as in table | $\bigcirc$ /aw/ as in wall |
| Arabia | $\bigcirc$ | /a/ as in cat | $\bigcirc / \partial /$ as in about |
|  | $\bigcirc$ | /ae/ as in table | $\bigcirc$ /aw/ as in wall |
| Almanac | $\bigcirc$ | /a/ as in cat | $\bigcirc / \partial /$ as in about |
|  | $\bigcirc$ | /ae/ as in table | $\bigcirc$ /aw/ as in wall |
| Africa | $\bigcirc$ | /a/ as in cat | $\bigcirc / \partial /$ as in about |
|  | $\bigcirc$ | /ae/ as in table | $\bigcirc$ /aw/ as in wall |

Name: $\qquad$
Sort the underlined words with the tricky spelling.

| $e^{\prime}$ | /e/ /ee/ | pet | left | letter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | me | rewind | legal |
|  |  | debate | appetite | strategy |


|  | le/ as in pet | lee/ as in $m e$ | $/ \mathrm{l} /$ as in debate |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| He is singing the National <br> Anthem. |  |  |  |
| 1. |  | anthem |  |

2. This glass is empty.

Dad and I saw a play at the theater.
4. I need a carton of eggs.
5. Don't squash the bug between the rocks!
6. The balloon is filled with helium.
7. The leaves are decaying.

Name: $\qquad$

## Tricky Spelling 'e'

Teacher: Write the target words on the board or chart. Beside the target word write the two possible divisions of the word. Read the sample sentence aloud to the students. Try both divisions of the word in the sentence. Ask students to tell you which is correct.
'e’>/e/ $($ pet $)$ vs. 'e' > /ee/ $(m e)$ vs. 'e' > / / / (debate $)$

| Target Word | Possible division | 2nd possible division | Possible sentence for meaning (Remember the sentence is done orally.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rewind | rew ind | re wind | Please ___ the program to the beginning. |
| debate | de bate | deb ate | When two sides don't agree, sometimes they |
| strategy | strat e gy | strate gy | The General's ___ was to attack at night. |
| became | be came | bec ame | We $\qquad$ third graders at the end of second grade. |
| demand | dem and | de mand | It is not polite to ___ things from others. |
| decorations | dec or a tions | de cor a tions | The Easter ___ were pastel colors. |
| helmet | hel met | helm et | My bike___ is purple. |
| cement | cem ent | ce ment | The sidewalk is made of |
| memory | me mory | mem ory | My ___ is not what it used to be. |
| beckon | beck on | be ckon | He wants us to come over so he will $\qquad$ with his hand. |

Name: $\qquad$
The letter 'e' can stand for three sounds. It can stand for /e/ as in bed, /ee/ as in me, or $/ \partial /$ as in debate. Each sentence below has a word with an underlined ' $e$ '. Which of the three sounds do you hear in each word?

1. His best race is the 100 -meter dash.

O /e/ as in bed
O /ee/ as in me
$\bigcirc / \partial /$ as in debate
2. The men mixed up a batch of cement.

O le/ as in bed

- leel as in me

○ / / / as in debate
3. I have a bug bite on my elbow.

○ le/ as in bed

- lee/ as in me

○ / / / as in debate
4. When I was fifteen I went on a trip to Egypt.

O le/ as in bed
O leel as in me
$\bigcirc / \partial /$ as in debate

Name: $\qquad$
5. That night we stayed in a hotel.

O le/ as in bed
O lee/ as in me
O $/ 2 /$ as in debate
6. When I saw the sticky glop on my plate, I lost my appetite.

O $\mathrm{le} /$ as in bed
O lee/ as in me
O $/ \partial /$ as in debate
7. Can you keep a secret?

O le/ as in bed
O lee/ as in me

- $/ 2 /$ as in debate

8. Dad is sick. He is running a fever.

O $\mathrm{le} /$ as in bed
O /ee/ as in me

- $/ \partial /$ as in debate

9. Miss Douglas, I did not understand the lesson.

O le/ as in bed
O lee/ as in me
O $/ 2 /$ as in debate

Name: $\qquad$
If a square has a word with the letter ' $e$ ' sounded $/ e /$, make it red. If a square has a word with the letter 'e' sounded/ee/, make it yellow.
If a square has a word with the letter 'e' sounded $/ \partial /$, make it green.

| children | send | began | system | wanted |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| himself | second | decay | me | report |
| open | equal | given | hello | started |
| problem | parent | moment | legal | deposit |
| except | decide | subject | she | hundred |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Name: $\qquad$
First read the words. Then write the words with the tricky spelling 'e' sounded/e/ under send, the words with the tricky spelling 'e' sounded/ee/ under behind, and the words with the tricky spelling 'e' sounded /ə/ under debate.

| pebble | abdomen | mention | she |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| algebra | relic | symmetry | metallic |
| equal | pencil | lesson | repeat |

## /el <br> as in send <br> pebble

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## Section VI-B

## Spelling Alternatives 'a', 'e', 'al', 'il', 'el', 'le', and 'tion' > /ə/ Practice Sentences and Stories for Oral Reading

Name: $\qquad$
Mama said to change out of my pajamas.
We are going across town to run an errand.
We will get balloons for Dad's birthday.
Then we will have salad for lunch.
Mama said to bring an umbrella just in case.

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Hello Ellen,
I am in Kentucky for a benefit comedy show. The show is raising money to help repair the cafeteria at my friend's school. A tree fell on the building during a severe storm. I said hello to the people doing the show before I sat down.
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Donald, do you like animal-shaped cereal? I like buffalo shapes in my cereal. I like mammal shapes; such as tigers, lions, and big cats. Donald, do you like animal-shaped cereal?

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April is a happy month. Young ducks happily splash in ponds. The dry soil greedily soaks up the April showers. As April rains steadily fall, baby birds readily stretch their long necks up toward the raindrops. The bird family happily welcomes the April rain.

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Hazel the squirrel likes to travel. She packs her flannel nightgown and her box of jewels in her duffel bag. She likes her nice warm camel hair coat. Hazel packs a novel to read on the trip and a nickel for the subway fare.

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Uncle Charles plays with me when he comes to visit. We blow purple bubbles, play in puddles, and shoot marbles. Sometimes we find colored pebbles that sparkle and shine. Once we built a castle and had a sword battle in the middle of my bedroom.
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It is almost time for summer vacation. Our tradition is to have a celebration for the start of summer. The decorations will be of our very own invention. We like to see people's reactions to our decorations. Last year, our theme was "The Best Invention of All Time." People still mention the decorations when they recall the celebration.


# Section VI-C 

## Spelling Alternatives and Tricky Spellings Associated with /ə/ and /u/ Assessment

## Assessment

Provide students with the sheet labeled Section VI Assessment that has 10 rows of words ( 20 total).
Tell students that for each row, you will say one word. Tell students to circle the word that they hear you say. Read each word provided below, calling out each number to indicate the row that students should point to and look at as you read the word.

1. across
2. apple
3. traction
4. hideous
5. courtesy
6. nation
7. above
8. petal
9. mother
10. funnel
11. dangerous
12. fossil
13. decide
14. couple
15. wonderful
16. cheerful
17. shove
18. cousin
19. love
20. animal

Below are the sound-spelling correspondences targeted for each word. If a student misses a word, have the student read the line(s) that contained the error. Then ask the student to point and say aloud the correct word for that line. The student's response will indicate whether the mistake was a careless error or if the student needs additional instruction in a specific letter-sound correspondence. Please pay attention to other errors as well, as they may indicate additional areas in need of remediation. Any student who scores less than 16 out of 20 correct needs further remediation.

1. $\quad \mathfrak{a} ’>/ a /$
2. 'le' > /a/ + /l/
3. 'tion' $>/ \mathrm{sh} /+/ 2 /+/ \mathrm{n} /$
4. 'ous' $>/ \mathrm{u} /$
5. 'e' $>/ a /$
6. 'tion' $>/ \mathrm{sh} /+/ \mathrm{a} /+/ \mathrm{n} /$
7. 'o_e' >/u/
8. 'al' $>/ 2 /+/ \mathrm{l} /$
9. 'o' $>/ \mathrm{u} /$
10. 'el' > /a/ + /l/
11. 'ous' $>/ \mathrm{u} /$
12. 'il' $>/ 2 /+/ \mathrm{l} /$
13. 'e' > /a/
14. 'le' > /a/ + /l/
15. 'ful' $>/ f /+/ a /+/ \mathrm{l} /$
16. 'ful' $>/ \mathrm{f} /+/ \mathrm{z} /+/ \mathrm{l} /$
17. 'o_e' >/u/
18. 'ou' $>/ \mathrm{u} /$
19. 'o_e' >/u/
20. 'al' $>/ \mathrm{z} /+/ \mathrm{l} /$

Name: $\qquad$

## Section VI Assessment

Circle the word you hear your teacher say.

| 1. | across | amount | amiss | claws |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | severe | strategy | courtesy | benefit |
| 3. | mom | mother | brother | bother |
| 4. | determine | deduct | define | decide |
| 5. | shove | shut | shovel | shoot |
| 6. | able | notion | nation | national |
| 7. | native | fundamental | fulfill | funnel |
| 8. |  |  |  | couple |

Name: $\qquad$
Circle the word you hear your teacher say.

| 11. | traction | fraction | faction | addition |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12. | above | about | avoid | amend |
| 13. | fabulous | dangerous | dangers | dagger |
| 14. | wonderland | wistful | wonderful | wondering |
| 15. | glove | lovely | love | clove |
| 16. | hide | hideout | hidden | hideous |
| 17. | peel | pebble | puddle | petal |
| 18. | missile | dismissal | fizzle | fossil |
| 19. | cheerful | hopeful | helpful | careful |
| 20. | animate | animal | annual | anything |

## Section VI-D

## Fluency Assessment

## Fluency Assessment

The second assessment for Section VI that you may choose to give students is a Fluency Assessment.

You will work individually with each student and make a running record of the student's reading of the story, "The Young Mouse." This is an opportunity to look for specific problems any students are having. In addition, you will take a simple, easily calculated measure for the student's fluency by seeing how long it takes the student to read the story. Allow each student approximately ten minutes to read the story. If the student cannot read the story in ten minutes, this is a clear indication that he or she is struggling and needs to work on fluency.

Directions: Show the student the story. Ask the student to read the story to you. Start a stopwatch or jot down a start time when the student reads the first word in the story. As the student reads, make a running record, using the following marking guidelines. Focus specifically on what a student's errors reveal about his or her knowledge of letter-sound correspondences, recording what the student says.

Note: The guidelines for making running records given represent a simplified version of the process. If you have mastered a different process of taking running records, feel free to use the system you know.

Words read correctly - no mark needed
Omissions - draw a long dash above the word omitted
Insertions - write a carat at the point where the insertion was made
Word read incorrectly - write an " X " above the word and write the word the student says
Self-corrected errors - replace the original error mark with an "SC"
Teacher supplied word - write a " t " above the word (counts as an error); provide only if the child hesitates for five or more seconds or says he/she does not know the word

Fill out the table to find students' fluency percentage. A score below the $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile may be cause for concern; a score below the $25^{\text {th }}$ percentile is definite cause for concern. Students struggling with fluency need more exposure to rereading stories, and may benefit from more previewing of vocabulary before reading as well.

Name: $\qquad$

## The Young Mouse

Once upon a time there was a young mouse who had never left his ..... 14
mother's side. One day the young mouse went outside for a walk ..... 26
to explore. But it was not long until he came running back to his ..... 40

mother. ..... 41
"Mother! Mother!" said the young mouse. "What a scare I have had! ..... 53
I was walking along when I saw two strange animals. One of them ..... 66looked a lot like me. She had paws and a tail. She looked soft, and81
kind, and graceful.
kind, and graceful. ..... 84
But the other one was a scary monster! You should have seen him! ..... 97
He had just two legs and scratched at the ground with his claws. He ..... 111
kept beating his arms. He was ugly, too. He had no fur, just feathers, ..... 125
and he had big red flaps hanging from his head and neck. But what ..... 138
scared me the most was the awful sound he made. It sounded like ..... 151
cock-a-doodle-doo!" ..... 156

The young mouse went on. "I wanted to say hello to the nice animal that looked like me. She was so lovely, and she looked so good and gentle. She had thick, glossy hair and a modest face. As she looked at 198 me, she waved her fine, long tail and smiled. I think she was about to speak to me when the other animal let out his awful scream. I was so scared that I ran for my life. I didn't even have time to smile back at the nice animal. It is such a shame. I would have liked to meet that lovely animal."
"My son," said the mother, "the animal that scared you was a rooster.
He may look and sound scary, but he would never harm you. The other animal that you saw was a cat. She may look good and gentle, but she is no pal of ours. She would gladly eat you and your mice pals. In fact, she would have eaten you if you had not run away. So be thankful, my son, that you escaped with your life. Stay close to me and remember that things are not always what they seem to be."

## W.C.P.M. Calculation Worksheet

Student: $\qquad$
Date: $\qquad$
Story: The Young Mouse
Total words in story (not including title): 357


Compare the student's W.C.P.M. score to national norms for Grade 3. See chart in the Introduction of this Guide.

