



3rd Grade Packet Answer Key

The Schwa
Compound Words

Weekly Spelling Homework - Answer Key

(Form A) LESSON WEEK 18: The Schwa and Compound Words

Decoded Skill Words

s^oft^{*|}ball
 h^app[|]pen
 ū[|]p^{*|}l^oa^d
 b^äck^{*|}p^äck^{*}
 s^od^a
 dⁱsh^{*|}cl^oth
 s^änd^{*|}st^one[†]
 p^ēncⁱl
 ä[|]cc^use[†]
 ě^{*|}gg^{*}sh^ell
 ä[|]w^ay[†]
 wⁱnd^{*|}mⁱll
 t^ak^en
 d^at^a
 c^om[|]m^on

Spelling Tic Tac Toe

<p>1. Any two proven words from the bank above are correct.</p>	<p>2. A correct answer will consist of one word from the list below and three pictures: one picture of each part of the compound word, and a picture that illustrates the complete compound word.</p> <p>softball upload backpack dishcloth sandstone eggshell windmill</p>	<p>3. Any two proven words from the bank above are correct.</p>
<p>4. Any three words from the list below are correct.</p> <p>happen soda pencil accuse away taken data common</p>	<p>5. Any three proven words from the bank above are correct.</p>	<p>6. The words <i>accuse</i> and <i>away</i> are correct.</p>
<p>7. Any two proven words from the bank above are correct.</p>	<p>8. The words <i>soda</i> and <i>data</i> are correct.</p>	<p>9. Any two proven words from the bank above are correct.</p>

Reading Horizons Discovery® Spelling Lesson Week 18
Cloze Passage

Name _____ Date _____

“Do you want a red velvet cupcake with cream cheese frosting?”
asked Ted.

“No, thank you,” said Min. “I seldom eat such sweet treats.
I will have a plain pancake and some water in this teacup.”

“If you happen to change your mind, we also have soda and
ice cream,” said Ted.

“No, thank you, Ted,” said Min. “If I want a sweet snack, I have a
blue gumball in my backpack.”



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Cloze Passage

The Schwa and Compound Words

c_xŭ^{*}p_x|c_xā_xk_xe_x

g_xŭ^{*}m_x|b_xa_xll

b_xă^{*}k_x|p_xă^{*}k_x

h_xă_xp_xp_xě_xn

p_xă^{*}n_x|c_xā_xk_xe_x

s_xě_xl_x|d_xô_xm

s_xô_x|d_xă_x

t_xē_xa_x|c_xŭ^{*}p_x

v_xě_x|v_xê_xt

Name _____

The schwa is the unstressed vowel sound or syllable in a multi-syllabic word. All vowels can take the schwa sound.

Lesson 62: The Schwa

A word that has more than one syllable will often have an unstressed syllable or unstressed vowel sound called the *schwa*. The schwa is represented by an upside-down e (ə). The vowel *a* is often associated with the schwa sound if it acts as a word in a sentence (I have a dog) or if a word begins or ends with the spelling of *a* (agree, sofa). All vowels can take the schwa sound.

Prove and read the words below, using Decoding Skill 1 and the schwa. You may draw either boxes or lines to divide the syllables.

Examples:

o	p	e	n
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 a | g o

b a | c o n

h u | m a n

e v e n

s i | l e n t

a | d o p t

p r i v a t e

l a | b e l

s o | f a

n e | g l e c t

a | g r e e

e v i l

f i n a l

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Sort and Spell 1

Compound Words

Sort by Word Type			
Compound Words	Non-Compound Words		
beehive	cupcake	inspect	hundred
homemade	raincoat	complex	plenty
seaweed	streetlight	insect	gymnast
sunset	weekday	grumpy	repeat
inside	baseball	hotel	spoken

Name _____ Date _____

Using the words in the Word Sort, fill in the blanks to complete the sentences below.

1. He ate a yummy cupcake that was homemade by his dad.

2. They will stay at a hotel for one night on a weekday.

3. She felt grumpy that she could not find her raincoat on such a rainy day.

4. They plan to inspect the seashore for a seaweed plant.

5. This tall streetlight provides plenty of light so we can see at night.

6. We could see the amazing sunset at dusk from inside our home.

7. A beehive is home to more than one hundred bees.

8. This big complex is where the team plays baseball.

9. Can you please repeat the words that were just spoken?

10. The gymnast stopped jumping to wave away the small insect.

Name _____ Date _____

Using the words in the Word Sort, answer the questions below.

1. Which word can also mean *a lot* or *enough*? plenty

2. Which word has a Rainbow J? gymnast

3. How many compound words are in this sort? 10

4. Write the two words that are different by only one letter. insect, inspect

5. In which compound word does the first word relate to weather and the second word name something you wear? raincoat

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 Sort and Spell 2
 The Schwa

Sort by Schwa Sound		
Schwa Sound in First Syllable	Schwa Sound in Second Syllable	
ago	agree	total
select	amaze	pilot
degree	away	notice
polite	afraid	equal
divide	across	tuba

Name _____ Date _____

Using the words in the Word Sort, fill in the blanks to complete the sentences below.

1. Five days ago, he had a private chat with his old pal.

2. We agree that this soft sofa is the best one for our home.

3. They will select one of us to sing the final song at the end of the play.

4. The feats that this strong human can do will amaze you!

5. She got her college degree, and then she became a pilot of jet planes.

6. Can you take away this can of grape soda?

7. Did you notice how kind and polite he was?

8. The children are afraid to run across the hot sand with bare feet.

9. We can divide the cake into slices of equal size.

10. The band has a total of three flutes and one tuba.

Name _____ Date _____

Using the words in the Word Sort, answer the questions below.

1. Which word means *to shock*? amaze

2. How many words have a schwa in the first syllable and begin with an *a*? 6

3. How many words in the sort have a schwa sound in the second syllable? 10

4. Write four words from the sort that have a schwa in the first syllable and do not start with the vowel *a*?
select, degree, polite, divide

5. Write the word with a schwa sound in the second syllable that replaces a short *o* vowel sound. pilot