Answer Key for Spelling Counts

Unit 1 —

Introduction to Short Vowels

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Pattern Discovery
How many vowels does each word contain? one
These are the five short vowels in English. If a one-syllable word contains a
short vowel, there is one vowel in the word.

Listen and Write
1. hill  stick  Short i is a high front vowel.
2. fell  then  Short e is a mid front vowel.
3. Jack  fat  Short a is a low front vowel.
4. jump  plum  Short u is a mid vowel.
5. Tom  Bob  Short o is a low back vowel.

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Pattern Review
If a one-syllable word contains a short vowel, there is one vowel in the word.
This means that short-vowel words have one vowel per syllable.

Pattern Discovery 1
At the end of a short-vowel word, the sound [k] is spelled -ck.

Listening Discrimination 1
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Listen and Write 1
11. grin 12. trick

Pattern Discovery 2
Names of days begin with [capital] / small letters.

Choose and Write
1. You have to kick the ball.
2. A grin is a wide smile.
3. She ate some dip on a chip.
4. Did they win the game?
5. My old shoes don’t fit.

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Listen and Write 2

Sight Word Practice
1. The day after Friday is Saturday.
2. Sunday is before Monday.
3. The party will be on the weekend.
4. Will the party be on Saturday or Sunday?

Listening Discrimination 2
1. lit 2. tip 3. trip 4. ship 5. slip 6. sit
Listen and Write 3

1. She bit her lip.
2. He was sick on Saturday.
3. We take a trip every weekend.
4. Did you rip the paper?
5. Don’t kick the ball.

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Pattern Review 1

Short-vowel words have one vowel per syllable.

Pattern Review 2

At the end of a short-vowel word, the sound [k] is spelled -ck.

Pattern Discovery

Add -s to change a noun from singular to plural.

Listening Discrimination


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Listen and Write 1


Sight Words

1. Monday comes before Tuesday.
2. Saturday is on the weekend, but Monday/Tuesday is a weekday.
3. On Monday, I said, “Tomorrow is Tuesday.”

Pattern Review 3

Names of days begin with capital/small letters.

Choose and Write

Answers will vary.
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Add an Ending

Listen and Write 2

Listen and Write 3
1. Nick bought the bricks last Tuesday.
2. Click the right mouse button or hit the space bar.
3. Did the hat have a wide brim?
4. Tim put the lid on the pot to make it boil.
5. The road crews never dig on a weekday.
6. Rick will trim the bushes tomorrow.

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Pattern Review 1
At the end of a short-vowel word, the sound [k] is spelled -ck.

Pattern Review 2
Add -s to make a noun plural.

Pattern Discovery
After a short vowel, the sound [j] is spelled with three letters. They are -dge.
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Listening Discrimination 1
1. scrub 2. hug 3. shrug 4. tuck 5. judge 6. truck

Find the Base Form
1. cub 2. hug 3. buck 4. judge 5. hut 6. grudge

Listen and Write 1
1. strut 2. shun 3. trudge 4. chuck 5. fudge 6. scrub 7. stun 8. shut
9. shrub

Sight Words
1. Thursday comes after Wednesday but before Friday.
2. Thursday is between Wednesday and Friday.
3. Friday comes after Wednesday and Thursday.
4. She has to work on Friday, but not on Wednesday or Thursday.

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Choose and Write
1. Please shut the door.
2. Don’t chew gum in pronunciation class.
3. I bought fudge at the candy shop.
4. The rug is on the floor.
5. Is there a tub in the bathroom?
6. He spoke to the judge in court.

Listen and Write 2

Listening Discrimination 2
1. Tuesday 2. shrubs 3. trucks 4. Thursday 5. buds 6. struck
Listen and Write 3

1. We had fun last Thursday.
2. He dug a hole in the mud in front of the little hut.
3. The truck was stuck. It wouldn’t budge.
4. The shop sells dried fruit, nuts, and fudge.
5. I still have my ticket stub from the movie I saw on Wednesday.
6. They went to a pub last Tuesday.
7. That gum stuck to the bottom of my shoe.
8. If the player can’t run, they’ll send in a sub.

Pattern Review 1
Short-vowel words have one vowel per syllable.

Pattern Review 2
At the end of a short-vowel word, the sound [k] is spelled -ck.

Pattern Discovery
After a short-vowel word, the sound [č] is spelled with three letters. They are -tch.

Pattern Exception
The [č] sound is usually spelled -tch after a short vowel. However, there are five exceptions to this pattern. They are rich, sandwich, which, much, and such.

Listening Discrimination
1. shin 2. hum 3. jig 4. hutch 5. shrub 6. dish 7. truck 8. chick

Listen and Write 1
Sight Words

1. The abbreviation for Monday is Mon.
2. The abbreviation for Tuesday is Tues.
3. The abbreviation for Wednesday is Wed.
4. The abbreviation for Thursday is Thurs.
5. Mon. is the abbreviation for Monday.
6. Tues. is the abbreviation for Tuesday.
7. Wed. is the abbreviation for Wednesday.
8. Thurs. is the abbreviation for Thursday.

Choose and Write

1. There is a big rug on the floor.
2. The crew dug a ditch near the road.
3. He stuck a pin into the shirt.
4. The truck has a broken clutch that he needs to fix.
5. Six bugs floated in the tub of water.

Listen and Write 2

Listen and Write 3

Last year, Tim bought a big truck. It was six years old, but it was in good condition. It had a hitch on the back so he could pull his boat. Now Tim is having some bad luck with his truck. First, he had to replace the clutch because he couldn’t shift the gears. Then the truck got stuck in some mud and a hub cap fell off the wheel. Last night, someone hit the truck in a parking lot. Now Tim wonders what is going to happen next.
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**Pattern Review 1**
After a short vowel, the sound [j] is spelled -dge.

**Pattern Review 2**
Short-vowel words have one vowel per syllable.

**Pattern Exception**
Short-vowel words that end with the sound [j] end with a silent e.

**Pattern Discovery**
At the end of a short-vowel syllable, the sounds [f], [l], or [s] are most often written -ff, -ll, and -ss.

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**Listen and Write 1**

**Listen and Write 2**
1. dig 2. plug 3. grudge 4. cliff 5. puff 6. bridge 7. gull 8. miss

**Add an Ending**
1. bridges 2. cliffs 3. hills 4. judges 5. cuffs 6. gulls

**Pattern Review 3**
Add -s to change a noun from singular to plural.
Sight Words

1. The abbreviation for Friday is Fri.
2. The abbreviation for Saturday is Sat.
3. The abbreviation for Sunday is Sun.
4. Sat. is the abbreviation for Saturday.
5. Fri. is the abbreviation for Friday.
6. Sat. is the abbreviation for Saturday.
7. Sun. is the abbreviation for Sunday.

Choose and Write

1. A twig is a small stick or branch.
2. A bug is an insect.
3. If you hold a grudge, you don’t forgive someone.
4. Your fridge is in your kitchen.
5. A whiff is a smell.
6. I took some pills when I was sick.
7. If you make a fuss, you complain.
8. Bliss is great happiness.
9. Your cuff is at the end of your sleeve.

Find the Base Form

Listen and Write 3
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Pattern Recap
There are five short vowels.

1. Short-vowel words have one vowel per syllable.
   ■ Pattern exception: Words ending with the [j] sound end with -dge.
2. At the end of a short-vowel syllable, we write -ck to spell the sound [k].
3. At the end of a short-vowel syllable, we write -dge to spell the sound [j].
4. At the end of a short-vowel syllable, we write -tch to spell the sound [ć].
   ■ Pattern exception: Five common words do not follow this pattern. They are:
      rich     sandwich     which
      much     such
5. At the end of a short-vowel word, we write -ff to spell the sound [f].
6. At the end of a short-vowel word, we write -ll to spell the sound [l].
7. At the end of a short-vowel word, we usually write -ss to spell the sound [s].
8. We usually add -s to make a noun plural.

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Listen and Write 1

Sight Word Review

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Sight Word Review

1. The two weekend days are **Saturday** and **Sunday**.
2. Monday and **Tuesday** are the first two weekdays.
3. **Friday** is the last **weekday** before the weekend.
4. **Tuesday** comes after Monday and before **Wednesday**.
5. **Saturday** and **Sunday** are on the weekend.
6. **Thursday** is the day before Friday.
7. **Monday** comes after Sunday and before **Tuesday**.

Add an Ending


Listen and Write 2

Rose had a busy week. On **Monday**, she went grocery shopping. Her fridge was empty and she needed to **fill** it up. On **Tuesday**, Rose had an appointment with her hairdresser, **Kim**. Rose wanted Kim to **cut** her hair. Kim **did** a good job. On **Wednesday**, Rose took a little **trip**. She visited her brother **Tim**. Tim had been **sick**, but he was feeling better. Rose gave Tim a **hug** and a **kiss** before she left his house. Tim doesn't like it when Rose makes a **fuss** over him. On **Thursday**, Rose worked in her yard. She had to **dig** a little **ditch** at the edge of the garden, **trim** the **shrubs**, and **pick** up some **stuff** that blew over in a storm. Today is **Friday**. Rose is going to **run** some errands today. She is hoping to get some rest on the weekend.


**Answer Key**

### Spelling Names

Answers will vary; students may notice the following.

1. Mitchell: short *i* in first syllable; consonant patterns: *-tch*, double *l*
2. Miller: short *i* in first syllable; consonant pattern: double *l*
3. Russell: short *u* in first syllable; consonant patterns: double *s*, double *l*
4. Gibson: short *i* in first syllable; consonant pattern: there is not a double consonant in the middle because there are already two consonants
5. Williams: short *i* in first syllable; consonant patterns: double *l*, ends with *-s*
6. Hill: short *i*; consonant pattern: double *l*
7. Richards: short *i* in first syllable; consonant patterns: not *-tch* because *rich* is exception, ends with *-s*
8. Cummings: short *i* in first syllable; consonant pattern: double *m* after short vowel in 2-syllable word, ends with *-s*.
9. Hutchinson: short *u* in first syllable; consonant pattern: *-tch*
10. Gifford: short *i* in first syllable; consonant pattern: double *f*
11. Phillips: short *i* in first syllable; consonant patterns: double *l*, ends with *-s*
12. Hunter: short *u* in first syllable; consonant pattern: there is not a double consonant in the middle because there are already two consonants

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### Word Search Puzzle

Words may be in any order.

1. grudge  2. stuff  3. bit  4. bill or bills  5. clutch  6. fuss  7. club or clubs  8. pig  
9. skull or skulls  10. click  11. truck or trucks  

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