

Lesson 1 Short Vowels: **a, e, i**

Say each of the following words out loud, stressing the short vowel sounds. Then, write each word.

**Spelling
Tip**

Short **a** is spelled **a**, short **e** is spelled **e** and **ea**, short **i** is spelled **i**. The symbol for short **a** is /a/. The symbol for short **e** is /e/. The symbol for short **i** is /i/.

Spelling Words

animal _____

except _____

distance _____

canyon _____

meadow _____

install _____

fantastic _____

mention _____

skill _____

fraction _____

method _____

strict _____

grand _____

pleasant _____

swimming _____

Lesson 1 Short Vowels: **a, e, i****Words in Context**

Complete the paragraph below with spelling words.

Rocky Mountain National Park

In the middle of the splendor of the Rocky Mountains is one of America's most beautiful national parks. Visitors are amazed by the wild nature that surrounds them year-round. Don't be surprised if you

encounter an _____ in the park. Elk, deer, moose, bighorn sheep, black bears, coyotes, cougars, eagles, and hawks are common.

In the summer, a grassy

_____ or hillside will show off their alpine wildflowers. Climbers can tackle challenging peaks. The park is home to 60 peaks with the elevation

starting at a _____ of 8,000 feet and going all the way to 14,259 feet.

Climbers with much _____ can climb over the tree-line. They are awed

by a _____ view of a _____ below. Trail Ridge Road, at 12,183 feet, is the highest continuous paved road in the United States.

In the summer, campers and backpackers enjoy the _____

surroundings of the wilderness. All year long, visitors can enjoy _____ wildlife viewing. Rocky Mountain National Park is a park for all ages and abilities.

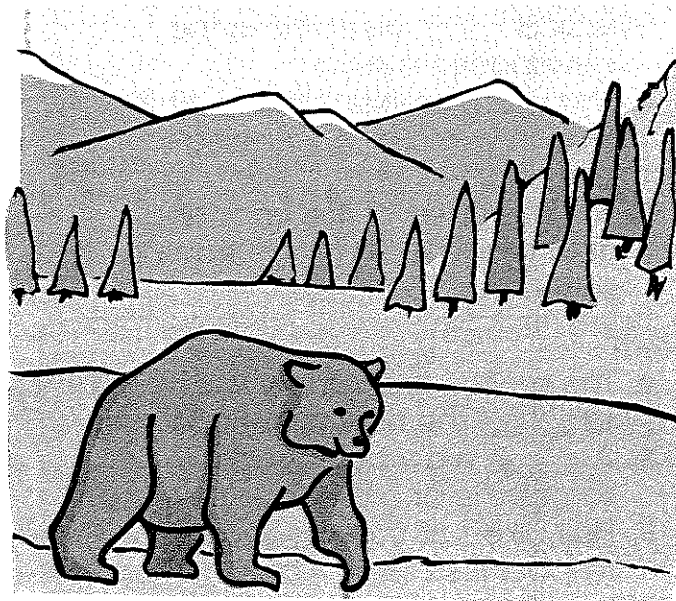
Word Building

A **gerund** is a verb form that ends in **ing** and is used as a noun. For example, the verb *write* can become a gerund when it is changed to *writing*. One spelling word can be a gerund. Write the word and its definition.

Word: _____ Definition: _____

Challenge

Circle the other words in the paragraph that have short **a, e, and i** sounds.



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Fun with Words

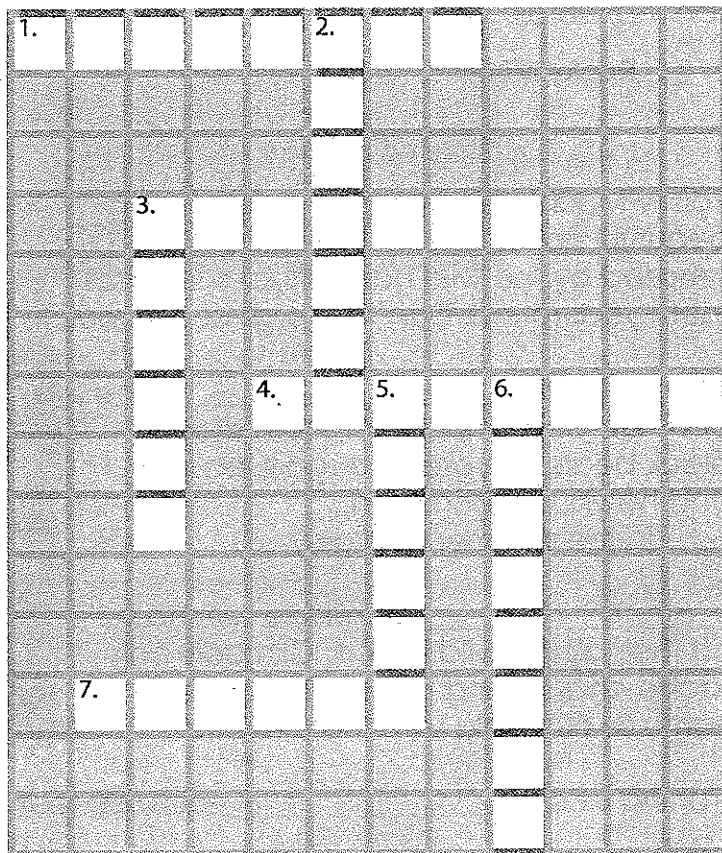
Complete the crossword puzzle with spelling words.

Across

- The mathematical expression $\frac{2}{3}$ is called a _____.
- The reporter told the artist he would _____ his name in the newspaper review.
- The warm breeze coming off the ocean was a _____ ending to the evening.
- The members of the track and field team had a _____ training schedule.

Down

- The service technician was called to _____ the new telephone.
- A _____ is a way of doing something or a process.
- Holly liked all fruit _____ for raspberries.
- _____ was Mikka's favorite sport.



Words Across the Curriculum



Write the social studies words on the lines.

- discoveries _____
- evidence _____
- excavation _____
- historic _____

Complete the following paragraph with the social studies words.

A Career as an Archaeologist

Do you like digging in the earth and making _____? If so, then archaeology may be for you. Archaeologists study _____ people and places. They go on an _____ to find _____ from the past.

Lesson 1 Short Vowels: a, e, i**Words in Writing**

Write a paragraph about what career you want to have when you grow up. Use at least four words from this lesson.

Misspelled Words

Each of the following sentences has a misspelled spelling word. Cross out the misspelled word and write the word correctly above it.

1. A medow is a low, level grassland near a lake or stream.
2. Rocky Mountain National Park is the home to many anamals.
3. A friction has both a numerator and a denominator.
4. The word exceapt can be a preposition, a verb, or a conjunction.
5. Swiming is one of the best forms of exercise.
6. A canyen is a long, narrow valley with high cliffs on each side.
7. Evedence is something that gives reasons or proof.
8. Scientists have made many important descovorys.
9. A citation made to honor or praise is an honorable meantion.
10. The distence of a marathon is 26.2 miles.