

UNIT
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more
unstressed
vowels



Key Words

explanatory
environment
secretary
jewellery
poisonous
company
desperate
definitely
difference
voluntary
reference
literature
temperature

Focus

- A** Match a key word to each clue.
- 1 used for personal decoration
 - 2 good books and poems
 - 3 works in an office
 - 4 describes a substance that can kill or harm
 - 5 anxious with despair
 - 6 describes services given for no reward
 - 7 without doubt
 - 8 a business organisation
- B** Use three of the words from **A** in a sentence. It can be a fun sentence if you wish.



Extra

Remember, **unstressed vowels** are vowel letters that we either do not sound, or we do not sound very distinctly, as we speak. Unstressed vowels can cause spelling problems because it is easy to forget them and leave them out.

memory

Memory often sounds like *memry* because the vowel is an unstressed vowel.

A Copy these words. Circle the unstressed vowels.

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| 1 necessary | 2 boundary | 3 ordinary |
| 4 victory | 5 factory | 6 history |
| 7 mystery | 8 slippery | 9 machinery |

B Find the unstressed vowels that have been left out of these words. Write them correctly in your book.

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|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1 abomnable | 2 busness | 3 definitely | 4 jewllry |
| 5 categy | 6 frightned | 7 widning | 8 intrest |
| 9 messnger | 10 vegetables | 11 vehcle | 12 solder |

Extension

It can sometimes help to spell words that have unstressed vowels correctly if we think of the syllables.

Remember:

- every syllable needs a vowel sound
 - when two consonants separate two vowel sounds, the first syllable usually ends after the first consonant
- hospital = hos/pi/tal

This reminds us not to spell the word *hospitl*.



Copy each of these words into your book, saying them quietly to yourself as you do. Next to each word write its syllables.

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| 1 separately | 2 compromise | 3 disinterested |
| 4 preparation | 5 memorable | 6 stationery |
| 7 parliament | 8 conference | 9 unfamiliar |