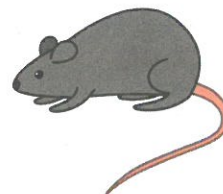


1 Unstressed vowels

Look carefully at these words and the help given about how to spell them.



poisonous



separate



extraordinary

conference

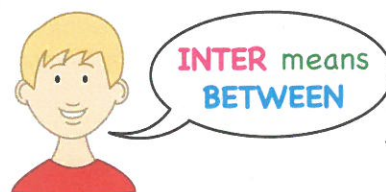


stationery

definitely



secretary



interested



business

Wednesday



Chat challenge

What is a vowel?

What is a consonant?

Do we pronounce vowels in all the words we use?

Are we just being lazy by not pronouncing vowels in words?

Try saying some of the words above, pronouncing every vowel – what is the result?

What spelling problems can be caused because we do not pronounce vowels in certain words?



Comprehension

- 1) Identify all the vowels in the words on the opposite page.
- 2) Pronounce all the words by breaking them into syllables.
e.g. **sep – ar – ate, ex – tra – ord – in – ary**
- 3) Which three words have the most syllables?
- 4) What do you notice is in every syllable?
- 5) What does it mean when you stress a part of a word?
- 6) Why do you think people do not stress all the vowels when they say them?



Objective focus

- 1) Write out these words with the correct vowels.
an_m_l, dict_on_ry, gen_r_lly, l_br_ry, m_rv_llo_s
- 2) Write the correct versions of the following words.
discription, diffrance, genrous, intrest, miserable
- 3) Here are some definitions of words. Write the words correctly.
 - a. Not the same: di_____
 - b. Place where things are made: f_____y
 - c. You have lost hope: de_____e
 - d. You are sure about something: de_____e
 - e. Place where you go if you are ill: ho_____
- 4) Write the words from question 3, breaking them into syllables. Circle the vowels in



Links to writing

- 1) Use ten of the words with unstressed vowels in this unit in sentences to show that you know what they mean.
- 2) What tricks do you know which would help someone spell these words correctly?
jewellery, primary, lottery
- 3) Make a dictionary of all the words with unstressed vowels in this unit. Put them in alphabetical order with their meanings. Use a computer to do this.