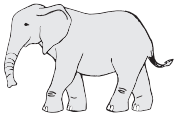


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# LESSON 1

## PHONICS FOCUS

- A closed syllable ends with a consonant, and the vowel is normally short.
- Words with closed syllables can be divided in one of the following ways:
  - » Between two consonants  
**Ex: fen-der**
  - » Between double consonants  
**Ex: cof-fee**
  - » After the first closed syllable  
**Ex: ep-i-sode**

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1. accurate   | <i>accurate</i>  |
| 2. fender     | <i>fender</i>    |
| 3. lecture    | <i>lecture</i>   |
| 4. monsoon    | <i>monsoon</i>   |
| 5. coffee     | <i>coffee</i>    |
| 6. antique    | <i>antique</i>   |
| 7. medicine   | <i>medicine</i>  |
| 8. episode    | <i>episode</i>   |
| 9. pumpkin    | <i>pumpkin</i>   |
| 10. opposite  | <i>opposite</i>  |
| 11. probably  | <i>probably</i>  |
| 12. volume    | <i>volume</i>    |
| 13. oxygen    | <i>oxygen</i>    |
| 14. embellish | <i>embellish</i> |
| 15. banquet   | <i>banquet</i>   |
| 16. cafeteria | <i>cafeteria</i> |
| 17. general   | <i>general</i>   |
| 18. vinegar   | <i>vinegar</i>   |
| 19. modern    | <i>modern</i>    |
| 20. minimum   | <i>minimum</i>   |

Write the words that are divided between double consonants after the first syllable.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Write the words that are divided between two consonants after the first syllable.

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From words not previously used, write the words that are divided after a closed first syllable.

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NOTE: Did you notice that the first letter after the closed syllable was a vowel in all the words in this last section?

### REVIEW

- In a consonant blend, you say and hear every letter. **Ex:** probably
- In a consonant team, or digraph, you only hear one sound. **Ex:** embellish
- Consonant blends and teams that come at the end of a word or syllable are called final blends and teams. Some common ones are: **ng, sk, nk, pt, lf, lt, lk, nd, th, ff, ll, ck, st, lp, nt, mp.**

### WORD STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Which words have short *a* in the first syllable?

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2. Which words have short *e* in the first syllable?

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3. Which words have short *i* in the first syllable?

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4. Which word ends with a vowel team for /chur/?

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5. Which words contain consonant teams?

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6. Which words end with silent *e*?

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7. Which word ends with a suffix?

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8. Which words contain consonant blends?

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9. Which word actually has four syllables but sometimes sounds like it has five?

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10. Which words contain an *r*-controlled vowel team?

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**SNEAKY  
SCHWA  
VOWELS**

en	ar	er	a	e	i	o
oxy <u>g</u> en	vineg <u>a</u> r	fend <u>e</u> r	accur <u>a</u> te	banquet	medic <u>i</u> ne	oppos <u>i</u> te
			probab <u>l</u> y	cafeter <u>i</u> a	oppos <u>i</u> te	
			cafeter <u>i</u> a		min <u>i</u> imum	

## WORD STUDY

It is often helpful when spelling words with many syllables to look for smaller words within the word. Here are some examples:

**accurate**  
**fender**  
**monsoon**

**coffee**  
**antique**  
**pumpkin, pumpkin**

**probably**  
**embellish**  
**banquet**

**vinegar**  
**modern**  
**minimum, minimum**

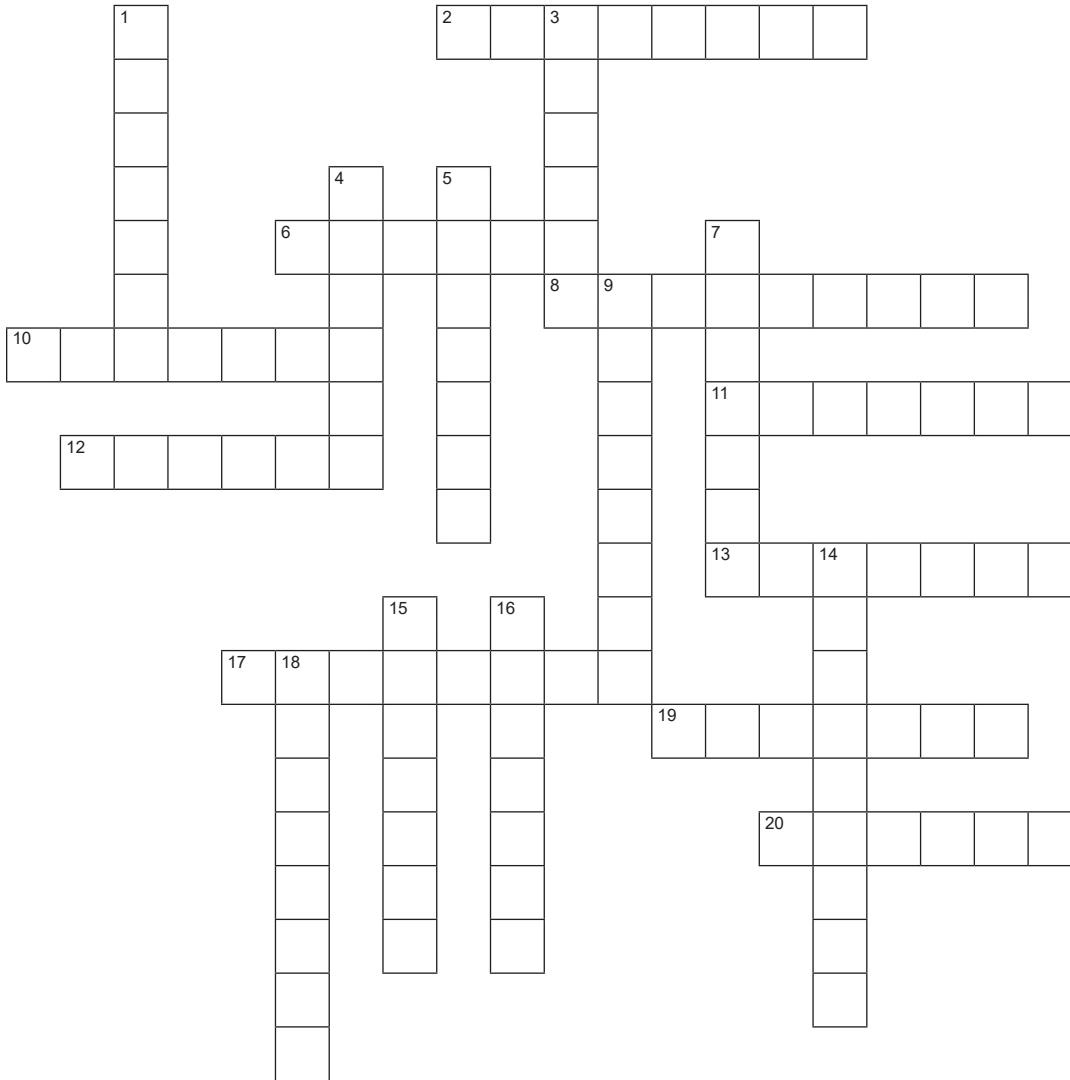
**SYNONYMS:** Write the list word that is a synonym of the words given.

- smorgasbord, feast, \_\_\_\_\_
- smallest, slightest, \_\_\_\_\_
- ancient, old, \_\_\_\_\_
- contemporary, new, \_\_\_\_\_
- rainstorm, deluge, \_\_\_\_\_
- event, occurrence, \_\_\_\_\_
- orate, sermonize, \_\_\_\_\_
- quantity, capacity, \_\_\_\_\_
- prescription, remedy, \_\_\_\_\_
- exaggerate, overstate, \_\_\_\_\_
- universal, overall, \_\_\_\_\_
- contradictory, dissimilar, \_\_\_\_\_
- bumper, shield, \_\_\_\_\_
- precise, correct, \_\_\_\_\_
- maybe, possibly, \_\_\_\_\_

## DICTION

- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CROSSWORD:** Complete the crossword puzzle by writing a list word for each definition clue. You can check your answers by looking up the definitions of the words in the dictionary at the back of your spelling book.

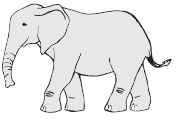


**DOWN**

- 1. feast
- 3. beverage made from the seeds of the coffee plant
- 4. characteristic of present day or recent past
- 5. a typically orange fruit of a plant from the gourd family
- 7. relating to something common for everyone or everything in a group
- 9. the science of diagnosing or treating injury or sickness and of maintaining good health
- 14. lunchroom or restaurant where customers get their food at the counter before sitting down to eat
- 15. a strong wind that brings heavy rainfall, typical to southern Asia and the Indian Ocean
- 16. the smallest amount possible
- 18. with very little doubt

**ACROSS**

- 2. exactly true with no errors
- 6. degree of loudness
- 8. to decorate
- 10. made in an earlier period
- 11. brief period of action within a longer narrative
- 12. chemical element in Earth's atmosphere
- 13. formal, instructional talk
- 17. something that is opposed to something else
- 19. liquid used in cooking and cleaning or as a preservative
- 20. a protective device used to cushion something



# LESSON 14



## PHONICS FOCUS

- In a consonant team (digraph), you do NOT say and blend every letter.
- Teams in this lesson are sometimes called "silent letter teams" because you only hear the sound of one of the letters.
- Silent letter teams include **kn = n**, **mb = m**, **wr = r**, **mn = m**.

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. wretched      | <i>wretched</i>      |
| 2. autumns       | <i>autumns</i>       |
| 3. wrongfulness  | <i>wrongfulness</i>  |
| 4. knuckles      | <i>knuckles</i>      |
| 5. scriptwriters | <i>scriptwriters</i> |
| 6. knockout      | <i>knockout</i>      |
| 7. numbness      | <i>numbness</i>      |
| 8. columns       | <i>columns</i>       |
| 9. condemning    | <i>condemning</i>    |
| 10. honeycomb    | <i>honeycomb</i>     |
| 11. knickers     | <i>knickers</i>      |
| 12. succumbed    | <i>succumbed</i>     |
| 13. wristwatch   | <i>wristwatch</i>    |
| 14. knighthood   | <i>knighthood</i>    |
| 15. knothole     | <i>knothole</i>      |
| 16. crumbly      | <i>crumbly</i>       |
| 17. kneecap      | <i>kneecap</i>       |
| 18. thumbtack    | <i>thumbtack</i>     |
| 19. knotty       | <i>knotty</i>        |
| 20. tombstone    | <i>tombstone</i>     |

Write the words that have the *kn* consonant team.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Write the words that have the *mb* consonant team.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Write the words that have the *wr* consonant team.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_\_\_
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Write the words that have the *mn* consonant team.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Write the word that has a silent letter team but you hear both sounds of the team in this form of the word.

- \_\_\_\_\_

### REVIEW

- **Spelling Rule #3:** The suffix **-ful** has one l.
- **ck** is the spelling for /k/, usually following a short vowel and at the end of a word or syllable.
- **tch** is a spelling for /ch/.
- Remember that **th**, **tch**, **ng**, and **ck** are consonant teams also found in words of this lesson.



Did you know there are no contractions in Latin? The Romans didn't use them!



### WORD STUDY

*Think About This:* When working with silent letter teams, you will notice that if you look at the base word in another form, both letters of the team can sometimes be heard. **Ex: crumbly.** When this word is just the base word, **crumb**, you have a true silent letter in the **mb** team. This is why it is often helpful to think of variations of these words because in some forms, you can hear those silent letters.

crumb – crumbly      autumn – autumnal      column – columnist      condemn – condemnation

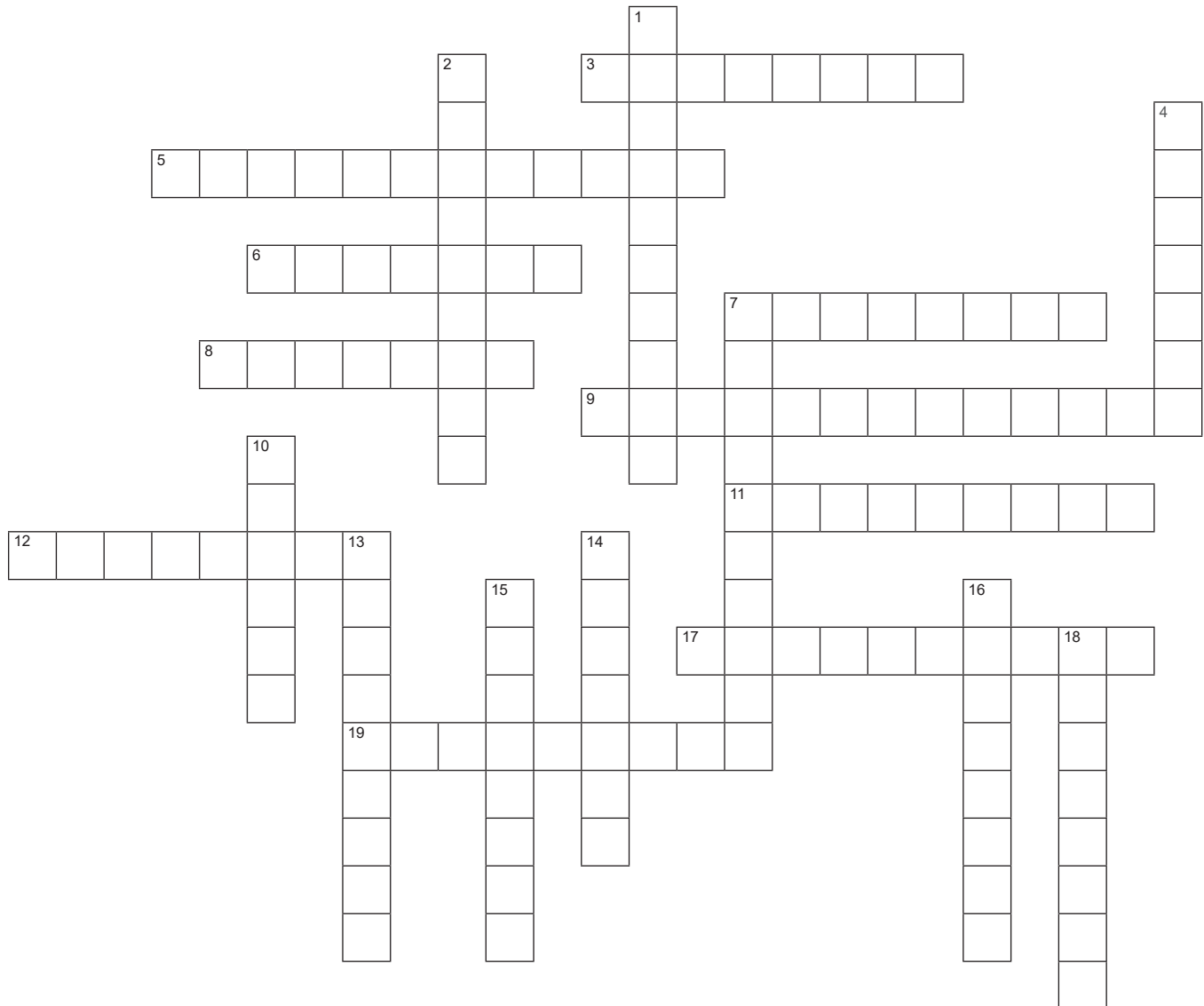
**I HAVE THE BASE WORD:** Write the spelling word from the base word listed. For compound words, the first word or second word may be listed.

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. knight _____            | 8. comb _____    |
| 2. knee _____              | 9. succumb _____ |
| 3. knot _____ and<br>_____ | 10. watch _____  |
| 4. crumb _____             | 11. stone _____  |
| 5. column _____            | 12. numb _____   |
| 6. knock _____             | 13. wretch _____ |
| 7. write _____             | 14. wrong _____  |
|                            | 15. tack _____   |

### DICTIONARY

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CROSSWORD:** Complete the crossword puzzle by writing a list word for each definition clue. You can check your answers by looking up the definitions of the words in the dictionary at the back of your spelling book.



**DOWN**

1. small timepiece attached to a strap or bracelet and worn on the wrist
2. tack with a broad flat head that the thumb can press into a surface
4. seasons after summer that include the months September, October, and November
7. rank or profession of a knight
10. full of knots
13. a burial monument or gravestone
14. vertical arrangements of something
15. joints in the fingers
16. long loose pants gathered around the ankles that were worn by women under their skirts
18. state of being unable to feel anything in a certain area of the body

**ACROSS**

3. miserable state of distress, woe, or misfortune
5. state or quality of being incorrect, unjust, or unlawful
6. easily broken into small pieces
7. a hole in a tree trunk or board where a branch or knot has been removed or dropped out
8. the patella; the flat moveable bone on the front of the knee joint
9. ones who do the writing used by actors or directors in a broadcast or film
11. structure made by bees of hexagonal cells used to hold honey and larvae
12. condition of being knocked out or act of knocking out
17. expressing judgment or strong disapproval against
19. yielded to a superior strength, force, or desire