

Lesson 15

Unstressed vowels

Teaching

rel <u>a</u> tive	relat <u>e</u> d	fant <u>a</u> sy	fant <u>a</u> stic
hum <u>a</u> n	hum <u>a</u> nity	comp <u>a</u> ny	comp <u>a</u> nion
geogr <u>a</u> phy	geogr <u>a</u> phical	democr <u>a</u> cy	democr <u>a</u> tic
emph <u>a</u> sis	emph <u>a</u> tic	all <u>e</u> rgy	all <u>e</u> rgic
gramm <u>a</u> r	gramm <u>a</u> tical	com <u>e</u> dy	com <u>e</u> dian
ang <u>e</u> l	ang <u>e</u> lic	rem <u>e</u> dy	rem <u>e</u> dial
par <u>e</u> nt	par <u>e</u> ntal	terr <u>i</u> fy	terr <u>i</u> fic
art <u>i</u> st	art <u>i</u> stic	host <u>i</u> le	host <u>i</u> lity
med <u>i</u> cine	med <u>i</u> cin <u>a</u> l	mel <u>o</u> dy	mel <u>o</u> dious
biol <u>o</u> gy	biol <u>o</u> gical	edit <u>o</u> r	edit <u>o</u> rial

Lesson Generalization: Unstressed vowels cause spelling problems because they are difficult to hear and identify. Many words have a form in which the accent shifts to a different syllable. A vowel that is difficult to identify in one form may be easier to hear in the other form. A vowel in an accented syllable is pronounced more clearly. Is the **e** more clearly pronounced in **com' e dy** or **com' di an**?

A. Read the second word in each pair aloud. The underlined vowel is in a stressed syllable. It is easy to hear the sound of that vowel.

B. Read the first word in each pair aloud. The underlined vowel is in an unstressed vowel. These vowels are more difficult to hear and identify. To help you spell these words, think about how the vowel sounds in the other form of each word. Then write the first word of each pair correctly on the lines below.

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Unstressed vowels*More Practice*

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|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. relative | 6. angel | 11. fantasy | 16. remedy |
| 2. human | 7. parent | 12. company | 17. terrify |
| 3. geography | 8. artist | 13. democracy | 18. hostile |
| 4. emphasis | 9. medicine | 14. allergy | 19. melody |
| 5. grammar | 10. biology | 15. comedy | 20. editor |

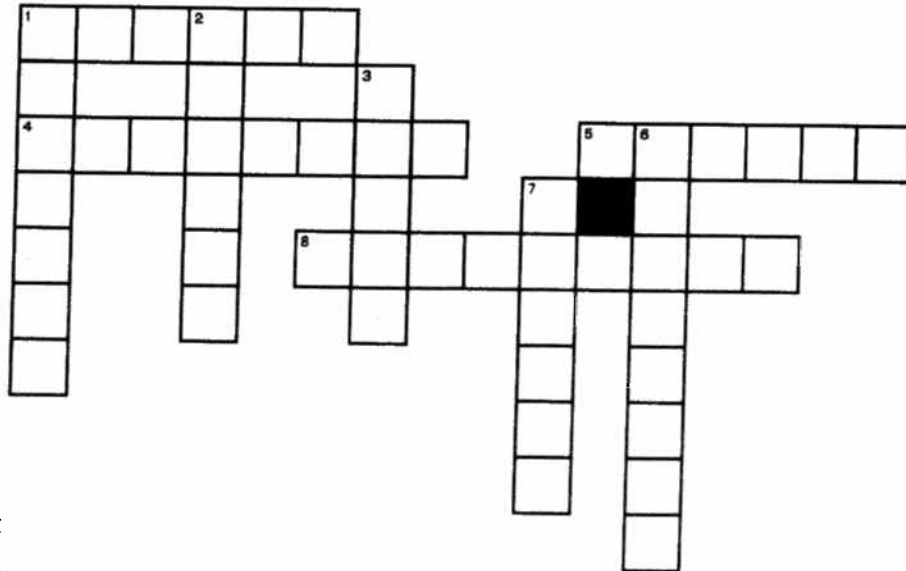
A. Use your dictionary to mark the accented syllable (') in each word shown below.

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|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. gram mar | 6. hu man | 11. par ent | 16. em pha sis |
| 2. fan ta sy | 7. com pa ny | 12. com e dy | 17. an gel |
| 3. bi ol o gy | 8. med i cine | 13. rel a tive | 18. hos tile |
| 4. ter ri fy | 9. rem e dy | 14. art ist | 19. al ler gy |
| 5. mel o dy | 10. de moc ra cy | 15. ed i tor | 20. ge og ra phy |

B. Use the clues to find spelling words that fit the puzzle.

Across

- the opposite of tragedy
- drug used to treat diseases
- tune
- pertaining to the earth's surfaces

**Down**

- guests
- person who revises written work
- winged, guardian spirit
- showing special attention or stress
- person skilled in the fine arts