

Literacy and Intervention

WORD LIST



Direct Instruction for Decoding, Spelling, and Understanding Multisyllabic Words

Grades 4–12



Megawords 7

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34 Unaccented $i = \frac{3}{0}$ or $\frac{1}{1}$

-i- = /ə/			
accident	facilitate	original	
acquisitive	Florida	participate	
altitude	gratitude	pedicure	
American	helicopter	pessimist	
animal	hesitate	politics	
aptitude	hurricane	predicate	
arbitrate	impediment	president	
article	inhabitant	principal	
artifact	institute	principle	
Baltimore	intelligent	prominent	
candidate	intimate	ridicule	
capital	investigate	sensitive	
captivate	latitude	sentiment	
cardigan	longitude	significant	
carnival	magnificent	similar	
centipede	magnitude	solitude	
certificate	manicure	subsidy	
citizen	medicine	substitute	
comparison	meditate	testimony	
compliment	Mexican	unicorn	
continent	monitor	uniform	
criminal	multitude	universe	
detriment	notify	venison	
difficult	officer	ventilate	
estimate	optimist	vertigo	

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-ity = /ə tē/ ability activity annuity authority capability capacity captivity cavity clarity dignity electricity entity festivity finality fragility humanity humidity intensity majority necessarily necessity objectivity personality popularity possibility publicity

purity quality quantity rapidity reality reliability sanity security sensibility severity sincerity stupidity unity university vanity varsity vicinity

-ical = /ĭ kəl/

chemical clerical comical critical economical electrical fanatical geographical grammatical historical identical logical mechanical medical methodical musical nautical physical political practical radical statistical surgical technical theatrical typical vertical

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Unaccented i

The letter *i* in an unaccented middle syllable usually has the schwa sound (/a/).¹

In many List 34 words, a consonant or blend comes before the letter *i* to form a syllable. Although this syllable ends in *i*, it does not have a long vowel sound like most open syllables. The syllable is unaccented and the letter *i* has a schwa sound.

1	(1) Read the syllables aloud to practice the schwa sound (/ə/).			
	ti	vi	ci	
	ni	ri	bi	
	di	pli	si	
	gi	fi	sti	

In some List 34 words, the letter *i* is in an open syllable followed by the letters *cal*. In these words, the letter *i* has a short *i* (/i/) sound.

(2) Read the syllables aloud to practice the short *i* sound (/i/).

i	ni
tri	ti

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¹ The letter *i* has three main sounds in unaccented middle syllables. List 34 focuses on *i* pronounced /ə/ (*similar*), List 35 discusses *i* pronounced /ē/ (*radial*), and List 36 covers *i* pronounced /y/ (*million*).

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Circle the syllables that contain unaccented *i*.

ar bi trate	cap i tal	pol i tics	
an i mal	pred i cate	mon i tor	
det ri ment	mul ti tude	sol i tude	
u ni form	op ti mist	sub sti tute	
ap ti tude	sen si tive	u ni corn	
ven i son	ar ti fact	pres i dent	
ac ci dent	prom i nent		
Where is the syllable that contains <i>i</i> ?			

The suffix *-ity* is pronounced /ə tē/. The letter *i* has a schwa sound in this suffix. The ending *-ical*, pronounced /ĭ kəl/, contains the suffixes *-ic* and *-al*. The letter *i* has its short sound in this ending.

(2) Circle the *-ity* or *-ical* in each word. Then pronounce the suffixes.

clarity	political	humidity
geographical	necessity	technical
majority	vicinity	mechanical
possibility	physical	c h e m i c a l
activity	intensity	nautical

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The letter *i* in an unaccented middle syllable usually says /_____/.

Two common endings in which *i* says /ə/ or /ĭ/ are _____ and _____.

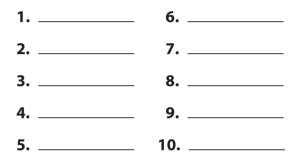
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S Review

Unaccented *i* is often found in the middle syllable of multisyllabic words. It most often

has a ______ sound but sometimes has a short-_____ sound.

(1) Your teacher will dictate some syllables with *i* pronounced /a/. Say the syllable as you write it.



2 Answer the questions about List 34 words.

- 1. How do you spell the ending pattern pronounced /a te/?
- 2. How do you spell the ending pattern pronounced / ĭ kəl/?

(3) Circle and write the middle syllable with unaccented *i*.

article	 uniform
compliment	 arbitrate
s u b s i d y	 principle
officer	 hurricane
substitute	 cardigan
universe	 sensitive
vertical	 medical
solitude	 Florida
capital	 dignity
hesitate	 accident

O

The letter *i* is not the only vowel that has the schwa sound. Any unaccented vowel can have it. Review *Megawords 3*, List 17, in which *a*, *e*, *o*, and *u* all have the schwa sound. When you write, spell the word with another vowel if one does not look right.

Circle the unaccented middle syllable in each word. Then write the words under the correct column.

sub sti tute	rel a tive	dif fi cult	per ma nent
cus to mer	el e phant	por cu pine	reg u lar
of fi cer	com pro mise	ben e fit	sep a rate
en e my			
a says /ə	o/	e says /ə/	i says /ə/
o says /ə	/	ı says /ə/	

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