

## 1

# The Sounds /a/, /e/, /i/, /o/, /u/

The Unit words show ways to spell the short vowel sounds /a/, /e/, /i/, /o/, and /u/. Each short vowel sound is spelled with one letter in most of the words.

- Spell /a/ with **a** as in **snag**.
- Spell /e/ with **e** as in **chest**.
- Spell /i/ with **i** as in **twist**.
- Spell /o/ with **o** as in **solid**.
- Spell /u/ with **u** as in **thunder**.

**/a/ spelled a**

tramp  
smash  
snag  
scrap

**/e/ spelled e**

dwell  
extra  
chest  
swept

In the words **threat** and **deaf**, the vowel sound /e/ is spelled **ea**.

**/i/ spelled i**

twist  
shift  
timid

**/o/ spelled o**

solid  
flock  
stock

**/u/ spelled u**

blunder  
dusk  
thunder

## 2

# The Sounds /ī/ and /ā/

Each Unit word has a long vowel sound—/ī/ or /ā/.

The Unit words show two ways to spell /ī/.

- Spell /ī/ with **i-consonant-e** as in **strike**.
- Spell /ī/ with **y** as in **type**.

/ī/ spelled **i-consonant-e**

strike

entire

twine

desire

arrive

/ī/ spelled **y**

type

reply

hydrogen

deny

style

The Unit words also show two ways to spell /ā/.

- Spell /ā/ with **a-consonant-e** as in **behave**.
- Spell /ā/ with **ai** as in **daily**.

/ā/ spelled **a-consonant-e**

behave  
debate  
spade  
flame  
grave

/ā/ spelled **ai**

daily  
fail  
snail  
waist  
drain