

## **Unit 2, Week 1**

### **Words with Short e**

1. avenge
2. ceremony
3. comet
4. chemical
5. constellation
6. density
7. excessive
8. intense
9. penetrate
10. prominent
11. sensory
12. splendor
13. temperature
14. translucent
15. vessel

### **Watch-Out Words**

16. desert
17. dessert
18. intense
19. intents

## Spelling Words - Reach for Reading Grade 5

### Week 1

#### Words with Short e

avenge

In the movie, the cowboy challenged the villain to a duel at sundown to **avenge** the death of his friend.

ceremony  
We should hold a **ceremony**, or formal event, to welcome the sun back after the rainy season.

comet  
We spotted many objects in the night sky, including planets, stars, and even the bright tail of a **comet**.

chemical  
The **chemical** in my sunblock makes my eyes water.

constellation  
That pattern of stars is the **constellation** called Orion.

density  
When lots of people move to a sunny place, the population **density** there increases.

excessive  
A little sunlight is good for this plant, but **excessive** sunlight can scorch it.

intense  
The heat was more **intense** in the bright sunlight.

penetrate  
Open the blinds to let the sun **penetrate** the darkness.

prominent  
The **prominent** mountain peak is so big that it blocks out the afternoon sun.

sensory  
When I feel the warm sun on my face, I have a pleasant **sensory** experience.

splendor  
I love the **splendor**, or great beauty, of sunny scenes.

temperature  
The blazing sun caused the **temperature** to rise quickly.

translucent  
I could see only blurry images through the frosted, **translucent** glass.

vessel  
She filled the **vessel** with water and left it in the sun.

#### Watch-Out Words

desert  
I watched a show about the hot, dry **desert**.

dessert  
I ate my chocolate **dessert** during the commercials.

intense  
Many animals looked for shade from the **intense** sun.

intents  
For all **intents** and purposes, an umbrella would work as well as a tree.

## Unit 2, Week 2

### Words with Digraphs *ck, sh*

1. anguish
2. backfire
3. bicker
4. gimmick
5. harsh
6. homesick
7. lackluster
8. perish
9. shattering
10. shawl
11. shielded
12. shimmer
13. shrine
14. stricken
15. threshold

### Watch-Out Words

16. aisle
17. I'll
18. isle

## Week 2

### Words with Digraphs *ck, sh*

anguish

The drought killed all the crops, causing great suffering, or **anguish**, among the farmers.

backfire

My use of a solar cooker might **backfire** because the stove won't work if it rains.

bicker

They **bicker** a lot, often arguing about global warming.

gimmick

Silver sunscreen is just a **gimmick** to catch your eye and get you to buy the product.

harsh

A **harsh** winter makes me wish for a gentle spring.

homesick

I am **homesick** because I miss sunny Arizona, where I grew up.

lackluster

The cloudy sky made for a dull, **lackluster** landscape.

perish

This crop could **perish**, dying because of the heat.

shattering

Today's heat is **shattering**, or destroying, the old record for this day.

shawl

When the sun came out, I removed the warm, knitted **shawl** from around my shoulders.

shielded

I **shielded** my eyes, protecting them from the sun.

shimmer

A faint **shimmer** of light twinkled across the pond.

shrine

The sun's dazzling rays shone into the **shrine**, impressing people who came to worship.

stricken

The marathon runner was **stricken** with heat exhaustion and was hospitalized.

threshold

He stepped over the **threshold** of the doorway and walked out into the garden.

### Watch-Out Words

aisle

I walked down the **aisle** of the home improvement store to look for solar landscape lighting.

I'll

**I'll** put the lights along the walkway near the shrubs.

isle

They'll light up the sky like a lighthouse on a tropical **isle**.

## Unit 2, Week 3

### Words with Digraphs *th, ng*

1. breathe
2. depth
3. ethical
4. extinguish
5. fathom
6. flung
7. hearth
8. lightning
9. mirth
10. threatening
11. thriving
12. throngs
13. thunder
14. withered
15. wrongdoing

### Watch-Out Words

16. chilly
17. chili
18. grate
19. great

**Week 3**

**Words with Digraphs *th, ng***

breathe

After the electric shock he could hardly **breathe**, so he took air into his lungs slowly and carefully.

depth

The power cords ran deep underground, to a **depth** of 100 feet.

ethical

It was fair and right, or **ethical**, to restore the electricity.

extinguish

Blow out the candle to **extinguish** the flame.

fathom

He understands it all, but I can't **fathom** how electricity was discovered.

flung

When the flashlight began to spark, I quickly **flung** it away from me, tossing it across the yard.

hearth

Our electric **hearth** looks like a real fireplace, but you can't burn real wood in it.

lightning

Electricity races across the sky in bright zigzags of **lightning**.

mirth

When the power came back on, it was a happy time of **mirth** and good humor.

threatening

The dark, **threatening** sky warned us that a powerful storm was coming.

thriving

The **thriving** plants are doing very well under the grow light.

throng

**Throng**s of people crowded into the stadium to watch the light show.

thunder

The loud boom of **thunder** followed the lightning flash.

withered

No one watered the plant, so it **withered** and died.

wrongdoing

She videotaped his **wrongdoing**, so everyone could see his crime.

**Watch-Out Words**

chilly

When the air is **chilly**, put on a sweater.

chili

To warm up, I eat hot **chili** with beans and cheese.

grate

I like to **grate** the cheese until it is finely shredded.

great

I gobble down the chili because it tastes **great!**

## Unit 2, Week 4

### Words with Consonant Blends: *nd, st, lt, mp, nt, fr, sm, sn, sl, cl, tr, pl, dr*

1. abundant
2. asteroid
3. descended
4. destructive
5. droop
6. eclipse
7. friction
8. limply
9. planetarium
10. slanted
11. smolder
12. snuffed
13. transparent
14. wasteland
15. wilted

### Watch-Out Words

16. ensure
17. insure
18. wander
19. wonder

**Week 4**

**Words with Consonant Blends: *nd, st, it, mp, nt, fr, sm, sn, sl, cl, tr, pl, dr***

abundant

Solar power and wind power are **abundant** sources of energy because sun and wind are plentiful.

asteroid

An **asteroid** might fall from space and strike Earth.

descended

The worker **descended** from the windmill, moving carefully down the ladder.

destructive

The burst dam was **destructive**, flooding many farms.

droop

I saw the corners of Dad's shoulders sag and the corners of his mouth **droop** when he saw the high electric bill.

eclipse

When the sun was covered by the moon during the solar **eclipse**, I realized how much we depend on it for light.

friction

Some energy is lost through **friction**, when one machine part rubs against another.

limply

Without a breeze to dry and stiffen them, the clothes dangled **limply** from the clothesline.

planetarium

The **planetarium** showed a movie on the energy of stars.

slanted

The solar cells were angled to match the **slanted** roof.

smolder

The flames are out now, but the embers still **smolder**.

snuffed

The firefighters **snuffed** out the fire before it spread.

transparent

We could clearly see the world outside through the **transparent** material.

wasteland

Using clean sources of energy can keep our planet from becoming a polluted **wasteland**.

wilted

Due to the lack of rain, the plants are now limp and **wilted**.

**Watch-Out Words**

ensure

The plant owners must **ensure** their workers' safety.

insure

The management has agreed to **insure** each worker.

wander

Workers cannot **wander** aimlessly around the plant.

wonder

I **wonder** when these improvements will take place.