

ICANSPELL LESSON

3/01

All of the ICANSPELL WORDS on this page contain the sound of short **e**, made in one of two ways—using either a short **e** or the vowel team **ea**. I set my head on the bed.

In a consonant team, two or more consonants work together to make one sound. The consonant team **th** is present in the first and last words of this list, the team **ck** is present in "pocket," and the team **sh** is present in "shed" and "selfish." In a consonant blend, each consonant keeps its own sound and you have to pronounce each of them separately, quickly, and smoothly. Most of the words on this list contain one or more consonant blends.

A syllable is a part of a word in which there is just one vowel sound, as in "swept." When pronouncing a syllable, your mouth makes only one movement to say the vowel (or vowel team) and its accompanying consonants. Half of the words on this list contain more than one syllable, and in each case the syllable that is most pronounced is shaded. When you see the shading, say that syllable clearly and just a tad more loudly than the others. Sometimes in a longer word (like elementary) a second syllable also gets a little more emphasis than the others—but still not as much as the shaded one. It might not even be noticeable! In the lessons of Level 3, those will be underlined.

Either photocopy this page or print the spelling words on paper. With a blue pen, circle all the consonant blends. Use a red pen to circle the short **e** vowel teams.

ICANSPELL WORDS

1. breath
2. crept
3. dwell
4. elementary
5. head
6. insect
7. parents
8. pocket
9. seldom
10. selfish
11. shed
12. splendid
13. swept
14. threat

ICANSPELL TEST

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