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Words to Preview

Point & Say

1	surveyor – a person who gathers information about an area and makes maps. <i>Before Tammy buys land, she will hire a surveyor to make sure she can build there.</i>	colony/ colonies
2	colonists – the people who lived in a colony. <i>The colonists in the British colonies had to live by the rules of the king.</i>	hurdles
3	plantation – a large piece of land where one type of crop is tended by workers who live on the land. Before the Civil War, many slaves lived and worked on plantations. <i>John worked on a coffee plantation in Costa Rica for nine years.</i>	Potomac River
		elected

George Washington

Note: Hyphenated words count as one word.

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READER 2

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READER 3

Throughout Washington's early career, the colonists continued to disagree with the rules that the king of England made them follow. The colonists decided to go to war against England. They wanted to be free from the king because the colonists did not feel that he treated them fairly. They wanted to be free to rule themselves and create their own laws.

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By then, Washington was known as a good man and a strong leader in his fight against the British. He was chosen as head of the army. As general, Washington led the soldiers into battle against the king's soldiers. After the colonists won the war, Washington was elected to be the first president of the United States of America.

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The American people still respect George Washington. He is often called the "Father of our Country." Most people agree that he was a great president. Many places are named after Washington to honor him. One of those places is America's capital city, Washington, DC. Washington's face is also honored on our currency. His face is on the quarter and the one dollar bill.

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Investigate the Text

- 1 Underline the sentence that tells **where** Washington was born.
 Write ① at the beginning of this underlined sentence.
- 2 Underline the sentence that tells **how many** maps Washington made.
 Write ② at the beginning of this underlined sentence.
- 3 Underline the sentences that explain **why** the colonists went to war
 against England.
 Write ③ at the beginning of these underlined sentences.
- 4 Underline the sentence that tells the name of one place named after
 Washington to honor him.
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Mark It!

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7 b e h i n d

2 r e m i n d e r

8 v o l t a g e

3 t h u n d e r b o l t

9 k i n d n e s s

4 w i l d l i f e

10 c h i l d p r o o f

5 b i n d e r

11 r e w i n d

6 s c o l d e d

12 c o m p o s t

Read It!

1 thunderbolt

rewind

wildlife

2 behind

voltage

compost

3 scolded

reminder

binder

4 childproof

boldness

kindness

5 compost

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Word Sort

Each word contains what looks like a Closed Syllable exception with a long vowel, but some of them are actually regular Closed Syllables with short vowels. Write the syllable with the underlined vowel in the correct column. The schwa spellings are circled.

CHALLENGING

- 1 childhood
- 2 window
- 3 BostⓄn
- 4 doorpost

Long Vowel	Short Vowel
child	

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 mildest
- 6 jolted
- 7 children
- 8 costly

Long Vowel	Short Vowel

MOST CHALLENGING

- 9 cinderblock
- 10 marigold
- 11 mildew
- 12 gatepost

Long Vowel	Short Vowel



CHALLENGING

- 1 boldly asked for a gold ring (6)
- 2 needs to grind the post down (6)
- 3 found mold behind the drywall (5)
- 4 find the mild wind to be peaceful (7)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 ate mild chicken wings while blindfolded (6)
- 6 soccer ball bounced off of the left goalpost (8)
- 7 had to childproof most of the kitchen and living room (10)
- 8 reminded her grandchild how to peel the orange rind (9)

CHALLENGING

- 1 The small colt felt right at home with the older horses. (11)
- 2 The wildfire started because of the heat and the dry conditions. (11)
- 3 My mom planned childish games for my most recent birthday party. (11)
- 4 If someone is unkind to you, you should forgive them without scolding. (12)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 The gold candleholders are used to hold books in place on the uppermost shelf. (14)
- 6 How could she possibly hold her grandchild responsible for the broken marigolds? (12)
- 7 When the binding of my book is falling apart, my teacher finds the clear packing tape to repair it. (19)
- 8 If you are colorblind, you may not be able to tell the difference between bold colors, such as green and red. (21)



SENTENCES

1. Read each sentence.
2. Underline all of the Closed Syllable exceptions containing the vowel letter **i**.
3. **Circle** all of the Closed Syllable exceptions containing the vowel letter **o**.
4. Draw a **box** around all of the words with Closed Syllables that look like exceptions, but have a vowel letter that makes a short vowel sound.

- 1 Grant had to wear a blindfold when he got dropped off in the easternmost part of the wilderness.
- 2 The child was asked to wind the window closed because of the wild wind, rain, and bolts of lightning.
- 3 My oldest sister has been independent since childhood, and she likes to remind me of that.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Create sentences using as many words with the given Closed Syllable exceptions as you can.

Example: **ind** - I like to unwind by mindlessly grinding the orange rinds I find on the ground.

1. old - _____

2. ost - _____
