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### Words to Preview

### Point & Say

- 1 **Continental Congress** – a group of delegates from the American colonies who met to discuss how England was unfairly treating them.  
*The first **Continental Congress** met in 1774 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.*
- 2 **politician** – somebody who is involved in the government or holds a political office.  
*Jefferson was a successful **politician** who served as governor, vice president, and president.*
- 3 **Monticello** – (pronounced mon-ti-chel-o) the home that Thomas Jefferson built.  
*Many people visit **Monticello** every year to see where Jefferson lived.*

architect  
 declaration  
 document

## Thomas Jefferson

*Note: Hyphenated words count as one word.*

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 items in Monticello that Jefferson invented. 172

### READER 3

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### Investigate the Text

- 1 Underline the sentence that tells **how** Jefferson felt about public speaking. Write ① at the beginning of this underlined sentence.
- 2 Underline the sentence that tells **where** we can see the Declaration of Independence today. Write ② at the beginning of this underlined sentence.
- 3 Underline the sentence that tells **which** instrument Jefferson played. Write ③ at the beginning of this underlined sentence.
- 4 Underline the sentence that tells **where** Jefferson lived after he left the White House. Write ④ at the beginning of this underlined sentence.

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### Mark It!

1 v a l u a b l e

7 m e d i u m

2 a r e a

8 v i d e o

3 q u i e t

9 p o e t r y

4 J a n u a r y

10 t r i a n g l e

5 c r e a t e

11 o b v i o u s

6 t r i u m p h

12 i d e a

### Read It!

1 quiet

medium

obvious

2 January

video

poetry

3 triangle

area

create

4 triumph

valuable

idea

5 medium

poetry

triangle

6 valuable

create

quiet

7 obvious

January

area

8 video

idea

triumph



# Word Sort

Figure out if the two vowels next to each other are working as a vowel team or if they are split, with each making its own sound. If the vowels are a team, underline them together. If they are split, underline them separately. Place a checkmark in the correct column.

### CHALLENGING

1 triail

2 trail

3 react

4 deal

Split Vowels

Vowel Team



### MORE CHALLENGING

5 dairy

6 diary

7 creation

8 creature

Split Vowels

Vowel Team

### MOST CHALLENGING

9 approach

10 cocoa

11 oasis

12 mosaic

Split Vowels

Vowel Team



### CHALLENGING

- 1 sings a duet and recites a poem (7)
- 2 picked the bluest peony in the area (7)
- 3 dial the phone number from your diary (7)
- 4 heard a baby lion cub meow like a kitten (9)

### MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 did a cameo in the latest pioneer film (8)
- 6 hilarious reaction to the fake alien video (7)
- 7 should be a priority for the triangle soloist (8)
- 8 ate a diet of dandelion greens and ravioli (8)

### CHALLENGING

- 1 One of the benefits of practicing poetry is more fluent reading. (11)
- 2 The artist created a mosaic of Siamese cats on a large tabletop. (12)
- 3 I listen to audiobooks when I drive a long distance to my job at the stadium. (16)
- 4 Arguing and being envious are two things that can make your life less enjoyable. (14)

### MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 Briana earned first place in the geography bee because of her studious habits. (13)
- 6 Trees are helpful because they absorb carbon dioxide and produce valuable oxygen. (12)
- 7 The owners reopened the rodeo, but they decided to add Leo, the leotard-wearing lion, to the show. (17)
- 8 Sophia and Romeo do cardio exercises at their coed gym as a way to get in shape and expend energy. (20)



Create real words using a word part from the first column with a word part from the second column. Write the new word on the line, and then check the box for either Split Vowel or Vowel Team.

<u>Word Parts</u>		<u>New Word</u>	<u>Split Vowel?</u>	<u>Vowel Team?</u>
li	et	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ne	ar	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
di	on	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
be	al	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Determine the vowel sound for each vowel in the split vowel. Circle the correct phonemes.

- trial**    i = / ī /    or / ē /                      a = / ā /    or / ə /
- duet**    u = / yōō /    or / oō /                      e = / ě /    or / ə /
- create**    e = / ē /    or / ə /                      a = / ā /    or / ə /