

■ INTRODUCTION

Vowels with No Sound Clues

SPELLING FOCUS

In some words the vowel sound you hear is schwa /ə/. It gives no clue to its spelling: **president**.

■ **STUDY** Say the words. Pay attention to the underlined letters. Then read the sentence.

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WATCH OUT FOR
FREQUENTLY
MISPELLED
WORDS!

1. *manager* I complained to the store **manager**.
2. *president* We elected a new club **president**.
3. *different ** He tried on three **different** suits.
4. *terrible* The garbage had a **terrible** odor.
5. *finally ** My refund **finally** came in the mail.
6. *really* Did you **really** meet an astronaut?
7. *suposed* I was **supposed** to leave by noon.
8. *probably ** Dark clouds **probably** mean rain.
9. *California* San Francisco is in **California**.
10. *especially ** This test is **especially** difficult.

11. *balance* A high diver needs great **balance**.
12. *constant* The **constant** rain kept us indoors.
13. *innocent* The **innocent** man was set free.
14. *realize* We didn't **realize** it was so late.
15. *opportunity* I have an **opportunity** to audition.
16. *pollute* Car exhaust fumes **pollute** the air.
17. *prisoner* One **prisoner** was in the jail cell.
18. *celebrate* Let's **celebrate** your birthday.
19. *grocery* I wrote milk on my **grocery** list.
20. *elevator* The **elevator** stops at each floor.

CHALLENGE!

diamond
government
miniature
refrigerator
veterinarian

■ **PRACTICE** First write the words that you know best. Then write words that are more difficult for you.

■ **WRITE** Choose two sentences to use in a paragraph.