

Vowel Alternation: Long to Short

Sort 8

mine	athlete	revise	breath
breathe	revision	criminal	natural
nation	crime	mineral	athletic
grateful	ignite	national	nature
precise	precision	gratitude	ignition

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Long Vowel type

Short Vowel typical

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1. Read each sentence.
2. Choose one word from the pair in parentheses that best completes the sentence and write it on the line.
3. Place a long vowel symbol (ˉ) over the long vowels. Place a short vowel symbol (˘) over the short vowels.

1. Esteban had few errors to _____ on his written report.
(revise/revision)
2. High in the mountains it is harder to _____.
(breath/breathe)
3. Taylor is so _____ that she can run a mile in 6 minutes.
(athlete/athletic)
4. Andy showed his _____ for the present by writing a thank-you note. (grateful/gratitude)
5. I left _____ directions so Sue would know where to find us. (precise/precision)
6. They dig up gold and silver in this _____. (mine/mineral)
7. Turning the key in the _____ will start the car.
(ignite/ignition)
8. Breaking into someone's house is a _____.
(crime/criminal)
9. The company delivers its product to people all across the _____.
(nation/national)
10. The _____ home for a bear is the woods.
(nature/natural)