

Vowel Alternation: Long to Short or /ə/

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compete	rite	reptilian	relative
natural	define	definition	mineral
flame	flammable	competition	reside
confide	confidence	reptile	mine
nature	relate	ritual	residence
major	majority		

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Base Word Long Vowel cave	Derived Word Short Vowel cavity	Base Word Long Vowel compose	Derived Word /ə/ composition



1. Read each sentence.
2. Choose one word from the box that best completes the sentence and write it on the line. (Note: Not all words have to be used and each word can be used only once.)
3. Place a short vowel symbol (◌) over the short vowels. Circle the vowels with the schwa sound.

flammable	compose	reptile	definition	compete	composition	relate
mine	rite	relative	reptilian	confidence	nature	cave
ritual	majority	competition	major	reside	confide	
residence	mineral	natural	flame	cavity	define	

1. Can you _____ this word for me?
2. The _____ of marriage is an important ceremony.
3. We were determined to win the _____.
4. The coach showed her _____ in Gabrielle by asking her to lead the warm-up.
5. The _____ of the class attended the baseball playoffs.
6. Do you _____ in this city?
7. The pianist also likes to _____ his own music.
8. We explored the underground _____.
9. Javier admired the color of the _____.
10. The couple prefers a _____ setting for their wedding.
11. A snake is a kind of _____.
12. Gasoline is a _____ substance.