

Week 2

Multisyllabic words – short & long /e/ vowel patterns

Explanation: 1. To spell a short vowel sound, only one letter is needed:

at, red, it, hot, up

2. To spell a long sound you must add a second vowel. The second may be next to the first, in the VVC pattern (boat, maid, cue, etc.) or it may be separated from the first one by a consonant in the VCV pattern (made, ride, tide, etc.). If the second vowel is separated from the first by two spaces, it does not affect the first one. This is the VCCV pattern in which the first vowel remains short. Thus, doubling a consonant can be called "protecting" a short vowel because it prevents an incoming vowel from getting close enough to the first one to change its sound from short to long:

maid, made, but madder; dine, diner, but dinner.

Word Bank:

1. restless

2. express

3. sentence

4. seven

5. expand

6. monkey

7. increase

8. speaker

9. decay

10. spectacular

11. defeat

12. succeed

13. hockey

14. concede

15. devastation

16. breeze

17. reveal

18. freezer

19. delete

20. disease

Content Words

1. multiplication

2. division

3. quotient

4. product

5. decimal