

## Spelling Week 1 - Test on Friday

### Multisyllabic words – short & long /a/ 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.**

#### Spelling words for this week:

1. advance
2. abstract
3. backpack
4. transplant
5. band □ stand □
6. hand □ bag □
7. ransack □
8. happened
9. napkin
10. candidate
11. invade
12. debate
13. crayon

14. dainty
15. complain
16. grateful
17. safety
18. daily
19. awake
20. dinner

#### Content Words

1. comprehend
2. accuracy
3. fluency
4. expand
5. vocabulary