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Pre Test

A. Hear the sound. Circle the word with the /ɛ/ sound. (3pts) [Instructor reads pairs.]

pepper paper pen pin bet butt

Other minimal-pair words are:

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B. Identify the sound. Circle the word with the /ɛ/ sound as in bed. (11 pts) [Instructor reads words.]
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C. Find the misspelling. Mark ✔ if correct and ✗ if incorrect. Correct the misspelled word. (6pts)

1. ______ Exercise is imporant to staying helthy
2. ______ Each morning after breckfast, Ed and Sue walk their dog.
3. ______ All of them are in xcellent shape.
4. ______ Ed swims for twunty minutes afterwards.
5. ______ She does sit-ups and stretches.
6. ______ Afterwards they go home and get redy for work.

D. Complete the word. Use the correct spelling for the e /ɛ/ sound. (10pts.)

1. Not __veryone likes to exercise.
2. But even t__n minutes a day can make a difference.
3. It h__lps to have a fr__nd or partner when you exercise.
4. M__ny people give up and give __xcuses.
5. You have to make a plan and move ah___d with it.
6. After a short time you will alr___dy feel b____tter.
7. Then you will want to exercise ag____n.

Score ______/30 To continue the student should achieve 27/30 (90%) or better.
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Common spellings:

4.1  e

gt  let  jet  met  
red  led  fed  Ted
then  men  pen  when
bent  cent  sent  went
left  best  end  leg
dress  less  mess  bless
wed-ding  less-on  pen-cil
sev-en  bet-ter  west-ern

e occurs before one or more consonants in a syllable, but these words are pronounced differently: pretty /ˈprɪti/ or England /ˈɪŋɡlənd/

4.2  ea

dead  head  lead  bread
al-read-y  breath  feather  read₁
weap-ons  thread  spread  dread
weath-er  heav-y  health  wealth

ea occurs before one or more consonants in a syllable.

4.3  Uncommon Spellings

a-gain  a-against  says  said
eye-ry²  friend  any  many
guess³  guest³  leop-ard  jeop-ar-dy

²-ve letter v occurs at the end of a word as ve (e.g., eve, leave, give, have) except in shortened words such as Slav.
³ gu is pronounced /ɡ/, also called "hard g" as in good. (But gi, ge is pronounced /dʒ/ as in general.)
A. Spell the word. Write the spelling for the word with the /ɛ/ sound.

1. d__sk
2. br__d
3. b__ll
4. qu__stion
5. w__ther
6. br__kfast
7. ___mpy
8. ___lephant
9. p__ts
10. r__ctangle
11. h__lmet
12. ___gg
13. booksh__lf
14. t__nnis
15. ch__ss
16. tw__nty
17. n__cklace
18. c__lery
19. ch_f
20. w_dding
A. Spell the word. (continued)

21. __ggplant
22. dr__ss
23. t__xting
24. t__levision

25. thr__d
26. b__nch
27. st__ps
28. l__mon

29. f__nce
30. __dit
31. p__lican
32. __lbow

33. d__d
34. __levator
35. t__lescope
36. M__xico

37. sw__ter
38. l__tter
39. __nvelope
40. pr__sent
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B. Complete the word. Use the correct spelling for the e /ɛ/ sound in these words.

1. w__st  
2. s__cond
3. ch__mical
4. h__ven
5. el__ctronic
6. sp__cial
7. p__ncil
8. n__cessary
9. m__mory
10. rem__mber
11. w__pons
12. v__getables
13. dir__ction
14. h__vy
15. y__sterday
16. exc__pt
17. __ducation
18. inst__d
19. t__chnique
20. t__lephone
21. __xcellent
22. F__bruary
23. pr__ferable
24. Dec_mber
25. dir__ction
26. prof__ssion
27. __ducation
28. _ncyclopedia
29. requ__st
30. m__ssage
31. w__lth
32. n__twork

C. Complete the sentence with the correct spelling for the e /ɛ/ sound.

1. We are having a couple of g__sts over W__dnesday morning.
2. We are going to make h__lthful br__kfast for th__m.
3. __verything will be fr__sh and will sm__ll and taste delicious.
4. We have to ch__ck our ingredients before we begin to cook.
5. We need only t__n not tw__lve __ggs.
6. We will also need some v__getables—carrots, c__lery and peas.
7. We'll need some spices too—salt, p__pper and or__gano.
8. We'll also need to slice the br__d and make some toast.
9. We shouldn't forg__t to make some coffee.
10. It will be wonderful to w__lcome our fr__nds ag__n.

D. Find the errors. Find and correct the misspelled words with the /ɛ/ sound. (5)

Buying organic fruits and vegetables is a better choice. First, they have far fewer chimical pesticides (insect poison). Sicond, they are not genetically modified. Next, they are allowed to mature or ripen fully. Finally, they have a shorter shelf life. In other words, instead of sitting around and getting old on a store shelf, they are sold when freash or best. However, you will pay more for organically produced food. Even so, putting your helth first is the best option.
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Pronunciation Variations

4.4 \textbf{ge- or -dge}

\begin{tabular}{ll}
  gen-er-al & gen-der \quad ges-ture \\
  ma-gen-ta & leg-end \quad sug-gest \\
  edge & ledge \quad hedge \quad wedge
\end{tabular}

\textit{ge} beginning a syllable and \textit{-dge} at the end of a word is pronounced \textit{/dʒɛ/}.

4.5 \textbf{gue or gh}

\begin{tabular}{ll}
  guess & guest \\
  Ghent & spa-ghet-ti \quad ghet-to
\end{tabular}

\textit{g} before \textit{u} or \textit{h} at the beginning of a syllable is pronounced \textit{/g/}, also called "hard \textit{g}". But \textit{argue} \textit{/ər gju/} is pronounced differently.

4.5 \textbf{e / u before \textit{r}}

\begin{tabular}{ll}
  ver-y & ster-e-o \quad America \\
  sin-cer-i-ty & cer-e-mon-y \quad nu-mer-i-cal \\
  ber-ry & fer-ry \quad mer-ry \quad er-ror \\
  bur-y & bur-i-al
\end{tabular}

\textit{er} and \textit{err} are usually pronounced \textit{/ər/}, but not in \textit{zero /zaər əʊ/}, \textit{her /hər/}, or \textit{sergeant /ˈsɜr ˈdʒeɪnt/}

\textit{merry /ər/} \textit{~ /ər/, Mary /ˈmər/} \textit{~ /ər/, marry /ˈmær/} \textit{~ /ər/}, may be pronounced the same by some speakers. See 1.13.

E. \textbf{See and spell it.} Write the spelling for the word with the \textit{/ɛ/}sound

1. g__ntlemen  2. b__rial  3. spagh_tti  4. mag__nta

5. __dge  6. f__rry  7. b__rry  8. m_rry

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F. Complete the word. Use the correct spelling for the e /ɛ/ sound in these words

1. t__rrify 2. g__rund 3. c__remony 4. num__rical
5. imp__rative 6. sinc__rity 7. m__rit 8. v__rify
13. exp__riment 14. st__reo 15. Am__rica 16. t__rrible

G. Find words with the sound. Find the words with the sound of er /er/sound. (5)

The Fourth of July is a cherished American Holiday. Each year, people have barbecues in the parks or backyards. They invite friends who bring food such as soft drinks chips and salads. Summer desserts such as peach and blackberry pie are favorites. Outside, you can hear stereos blasting and people playing games and having a good time. It is a time for fun and merriment. At night, people go to city parks, lakes and seashores to watch fireworks.

Word Forms

H. Add the suffixes. Double the consonant for verbs ending in e + p, b, d, g, t, n or m.

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*irregular past forms get and set

I. Complete the suffix –ed or -ing. Double the consonant if necessary.

Debbie was beg__ her parents to get a dog. She was spend__ hours with the neighbor’s dog pet__ it, brush__ its fur and walk__ it. She asked her parents about get__ a dog. They agreed. She started check__ the animal shelters. Soon, she found exactly the dog she had been dream__ about.
J. Exchange the sound. Change the word with the sound of /ɛ/ to /i/ and /ɛ/ to /ɪ/.

/ɛ/  ➔  /i/  ➔  /ɪ/

1. bet ➔ beet ➔ bit

2. hell ➔ _______ ➔ _______  

3. set ➔ _______ ➔ _______  

4. check ➔ _______ ➔ _______  

5. sell ➔ _______ ➔ _______  

6. fell ➔ _______ ➔ _______  

7. ten ➔ _______ ➔ _____(can)  

8. net ➔ _______ ➔ _______  

9. _______  

10 _______
K. Writing. Write a short story about a picture. Tell what is happening, for example, who, what, where, why, when and maybe how. Underline words with the /ɛ/ sound.

"Holiday Rest"

"Checkmate!"

hammock (n.) a hanging bed made of cord or canvas that is tied to a pole or tree.
checkmate (n.) a situation or position in which the opponent's king cannot move in the game of chess.
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Post Test

A. **Identify words with the sound.** Underline the words with the /ɛ/ sound in a stressed syllable. (13pts.)

Getting help with homework is easy with the Internet. It holds a wealth of information. Thousands of educational resources are available online with everything from library databases to dictionaries and encyclopedias. A person can request information by posting messages on local networks or by chatting live with professionals—directly! A student can complete his or her homework without ever leaving home.

B. **Find the misspelling.** Find and correct the misspelled words. Mark ✓ if correct; ✗ if incorrect. (4pts.)

1. _______ Finding answers to questions online is not especially hard.
2. _______ You can enter keywords into a search engine in your browser.
3. _______ It will return a number of websites with general information.
4. _______ The returns will be better if you use more specific keywords.
5. _______ Also, make sure you spell the keywords correctly.

C. **Complete the paragraph.** Find the misspelled word with the e /ɛ/ sound. (14 pts.)

For m__ny people, an audio book or e-book on an el__ctronic device is convenient, but l__ss pr__ferable to having a printed book. A book has pages that you can turn, make notes on, and mark your place with. A book has a pl__sant paper-and-ink sm__ll. A book is something that you can put on your booksh__lf so that you can rem__mber the information you have r__d. A book is an __xcellent item to l__nd to a friend. All these things make printed books sp__cial and w__ll-liked.

Score _______ /30  
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4.1 ɛ before one or more consonants in a stressed syllable

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4.2 ēa between two consonants in a stressed syllable

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4.3 Uncommon Spellings

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/ɛ/ as in bed

Answer Key

Pretest

A. Hear the /ɛ/ sound. pepper/paper, pen/pin, bet/butt

B. Identify the /ɛ/ sound. (11)

C. Find the misspelling. (6)
1. ✗ Exercise is important to staying healthy.
2. ✗ Each morning after breakfast, Ed and Sue walk their dog.
3. ✗ All of them are in excellent shape.
4. ✔ Ed swims for twenty minutes afterwards.
5. ✗ She does sit-ups and stretches.
6. ✗ Afterwards they go home and get ready for work.

D. Complete the sentence. (10)
1. Not everyone likes to exercise.
2. But even ten minutes a day can make a difference.
3. It helps to have a friend or partner when you exercise.
4. Many people give up and give excuses.
5. You have to make a plan and move ahead with it.
6. After a short time you will already feel better.
7. Then you will want to exercise again.

Common /ɛ/ Spelling Patterns

A. Identify it. (4)
1. desk 2. bread 3. bell 4. question
5. weather 6. breakfast 7. empty 8. elephant
9. pets 10. rectangle 11. helmet 12. egg
13. detective 14. tennis 15. chess 16. twenty
17. necklace 18. celery 19. chef 20. wedding
21. eggplant 22. dress 23. texting 24. television
25. thread 26. bench 27. steps 28. lemon
29. fence 30. edit 31. pelican 32. elbow
33. dead 34. elevator 35. telescope 36. Mexico
37. sweater 38. letter 39. envelope 40. present

B. Spell the word. (5)
1. west 2. second 3. chemical 4. heaven
5. electronic 6. special 7. pencil 8. necessary
9. memory 10. remember 11. weapons 12. vegetables
13. direction 14. heavy 15. yesterday 16. except
17. education 18. instead 19. technique 20. telephone
25. direction 26. profession 27. education 28. encyclopedia
29. request 30. message 31. wealth 32. network

C. Complete the sentence. (5)
1. We are having a couple of guests over Wednesday morning.
2. We are going to make a healthy breakfast for them.
3. Everything will be fresh and will smell and taste delicious.
4. We have to check our ingredients before we begin to cook.
5. We need only ten not twelve eggs.
6. We will also need some vegetables—carrots, celery and peas.
7. We'll need some spices too—salt, pepper and oregano.
8. We'll also need to slice the bread and make some toast.
9. We shouldn't forget to make some coffee.
10. It will be wonderful to welcome our friends again.
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D. Find the misspellings.

Buying organic fruits and vegetables is a better choice. First, they are less contaminated by chemical pesticides (insect poison). Second, they are not genetically modified. Next, they are allowed to mature or ripen fully. Finally, they have a shorter shelf life. In other words, instead of sitting around and getting old on a store shelf, they are sold when fresh or best. However, you will pay more for organically produced food. Even so, putting your health first is the best option.

E. See and spell the word.

1. gentlemen
2. burial
3. spaghetti
4. magenta
5. hedge
6. ferry
7. berry
8. merry

F. Complete the word.

1. terrify
2. gerund
3. ceremony
4. numerical
5. imperative
6. sincerity
7. merit
8. verify
9. Jerry
10. bury
11. error
12. cherish
13. experiment
14. stereo
15. America
16. terrible

G. Find the sound. (5)

The Fourth of July is a cherished American Holiday. Each year, people have barbecues in the parks or backyards. They invite friends who bring food such as soft drinks chips and salads. Summer desserts such as peach and blackberry pie are favorites. Outside, you can hear stereos blasting and people playing games and having a good time. It is a time for fun and merriment. At night, people go to city parks, lakes and seashores to watch fireworks.

H. Add the suffix.

1. step steps stepped stepping
2. web webs webbed webbing
3. wed wedded wedding
4. beg beget begging
5. pet petted petting
6. pen penned penning
7. hem hemmed hemming

I. Complete the suffix.

Debbie was begging her parents to get a dog. She was spending hours with the neighbor's dog petting it, brushing its fur and walking it. She asked her parents about getting a dog. They agreed. She started checking the animal shelters. Soon, she found exactly the dog she had been dreaming about.

J. Exchange the sound.

beet heel seat cheek seal feel ten knit
bit hill sit chick sill fill tin knit

K. Write a short description.

(Answers will vary.)

1. Passengers are getting off an airplane and descending the steps.
2. A pregnant woman is looking at belly. She is expecting a baby.
3. A woman is selling vegetables and melons in an outdoor market.
4. A person is measuring his or her belly.
5. A woman is stretching before exercising.
6. A sign is pointing the direction for an emergency exit.
7. A man is entering through a doorway of a building.
8. A bird is collecting nesting materials.
9. Two men are arm wrestling and betting on who will win.
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I. Writing. Write a short story about a picture. (Answers will vary.) ................................................................. 11

Post Test .................................................................................................................................................................. 12

A Identify the words with the /ɛ/ sound.

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B Find the misspellings.
1. ___✗___ Finding answers to questions online is not especially hard.
2. ___✔___ You can enter keywords into a search engine in your browser.
3. ___✗___ It will return a number of websites with general information.
4. ___✗___ The returns will be better if you use more specific keywords.
5. ___✗___ Also, make sure you spell the keywords correctly.

C Complete the paragraph.

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