

Year 6

Autumn Week 11

Skills focus: **UNSTRESSED VOWEL SOUNDS**

Just like the unstressed letter sounds we covered in week 8, unstressed vowel sounds are 'hidden' in words. When you are learning to spell these words, you should say the unstressed vowel sound as an extra syllable.

explanat <b>ory</b>		
family <b>i</b>		
secret <b>ary</b>		
jewell <b>ery</b>		
poison <b>ous</b>		
compan <b>any</b>		
desper <b>ate</b>		
differe <b>nce</b>		
volunt <b>ary</b>		
refer <b>ence</b>		
temper <b>ature</b>		
definit <b>ely</b>		

Copy each word twice in the chart below.



Ninja says:

1. Say each word out loud.
2. Now say each word and stress the vowel sound so that it's an extra syllable.

e.g. explanatory...explanat**ORy**

pois**ON**ous

desp**ER**ate



exaggerate, excellent, existence, explanation



Write each of this week's words in a sentence. Ninja has done a couple of examples of the first one for you.

1. **explanatory**

Mum said I didn't need to be told what jobs needed doing. She said it was self-**explanatory**.

The book began with an **explanatory** passage about the author.

2. family

3. secretary

4. jewellery

5. poisonous

6. company

7. desperate

8. difference

9. voluntary

10. reference

11. temperature

12. definitely