

Year 6

Autumn 2, week 8

Skills focus: **UNSTRESSED LETTER SOUNDS**

Unstressed letters are not easy to hear in a word. Polysyllabic words (words with more than one syllable) - can be tricky to spell in English. Unstressed syllables all sound the same. You can't hear the unstressed sound unless you say the word differently.

Copy each word twice in the chart.



environment		
raspberry		
boundary		
different		
separate		
factory		
generally		
interesting		
generous		
listener		
desperate		
library		
parliament		
miserable		
frightening		

Ninja says:

1. Say each word out loud.
2. Identify the unstressed letter sound (the sound you can't hear when you say the word) in each word.
3. Now say each word, but this time **STRESS** the letters so that they can be heard as a separate syllable.  
e.g. factory (2 syllables)  
e.g. fact...or...y (3 syllables)



**definite, determined, develop**



Write each word out along the line with its unstressed sound shown as an extra syllable.

1. environment...**envi RON** ment

2. raspberry...**rasp BE** rry

3. boundary...**bound A** ry

4. different...**diff ER** ent

5. separate... \_\_\_\_\_

6. factory... \_\_\_\_\_

7. generally... \_\_\_\_\_

8. interesting... \_\_\_\_\_

9. generous... \_\_\_\_\_

10. listener... \_\_\_\_\_

11. desperate... \_\_\_\_\_

12. library... \_\_\_\_\_

13. parliament... \_\_\_\_\_

14. frightening... \_\_\_\_\_

