

Short *a* and Long *a*

Because of Winn-Dixie
Spelling: Short *a* and Long *a*

Basic Read the paragraphs. Write the Basic Words that best complete the sentences.

I spent a week of my summer vacation at my grandmother's house. At first I was (1) _____ that I would be bored, but I had a lot of fun. Every morning I helped my grandmother in her studio, where she paints pictures that would (2) _____ you.

I helped her (3) _____ some of the paintings that will go on (4) _____ soon. I also made a sign to put outside when the paintings are ready to sell. I used poster board and a black (5) _____ to make the sign. The most fun I had was creating my own painting. I learned how to apply paint to a canvas with a knife (6) _____. I wore a smock so I wouldn't get a (7) _____ on my clothes. Grandma says that my painting was much improved from ones I've done in the (8) _____.

On my last night there, Grandma took me out for a (9) _____ dinner. I know for a (10) _____ that I will be back to visit my grandmother next summer.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Challenge 11–14. Read the headline. On a separate sheet of paper, write about it, using four of the Challenge Words.

Spelling Words

1. blade
2. gray
3. past
4. afraid
5. magic
6. delay
7. amaze
8. drain
9. maybe
10. break
11. sale
12. hang
13. stain
14. glass
15. raft
16. jail
17. crayon
18. fact
19. stale
20. steak

Challenge

fraction
trait
champion
activity
graceful