

Short *a* and Long *a*

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

Basic 1–10. Read the paragraphs. Below, 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 an article for it, using four of the Challenge Words.

Spelling Words

- blade
- gray
- past
- afraid
- magic
- delay
- amaze
- drain
- maybe
- break
- sale
- hang
- stain
- glass
- raft
- jail
- crayon
- fact
- stale
- steak

Challenge

fraction
trait
champion
activity
graceful