

Vowels

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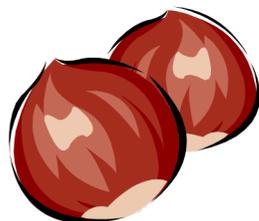
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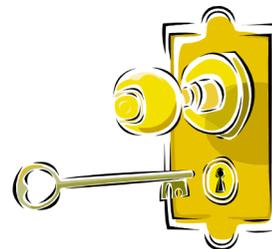
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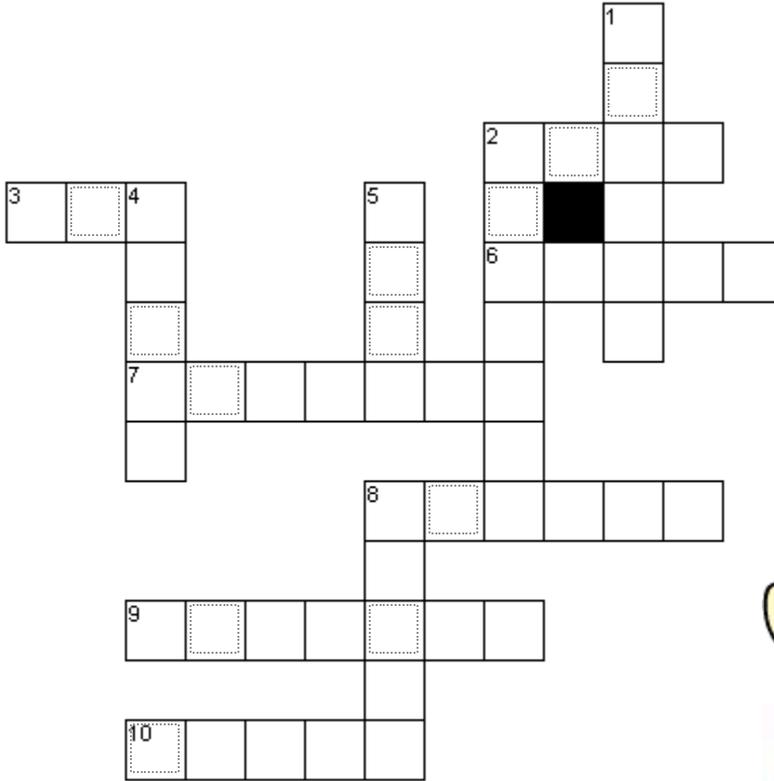
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Vowels

Theme: Fruits and Vegetables



Fill in the rows and columns with the corresponding words using the hints below. (Each picture corresponds to a word in the puzzle. The shaded squares contain the vowel sound).



Across

2. a small round usually yellowish kernel
3. an oblong or pear-shaped fruit grown in tropical countries
6. a leafy green vegetable
7. a popular Halloween vegetable
8. a popular starchy vegetable usually used as a side dish
9. a common garden vegetable used especially in salads
10. usually round, red, yellow, or green fruit

Down

1. a large exotic foul-smelling fruit with a prickly rind
2. a fruit from a palm tree whose nut contains thick edible meat and milk
4. a juicy greenish white to deep red or purple berry eaten dried or fresh as a fruit or used for making wine
5. a green vegetable with thick cylindrical stalk and flat leaves
8. a dried plum or capable of drying without fermentation

Reference

EXPLANATIONS SECTION I

VOICING

1 Vowels

The vowel chart includes standard IPA vowels. The /ei/ is substituted for /e/ and /ow/ for /o/, since learners often confuse /e/ with /ɛ/ and /o/ with /ɔ/. The teacher may choose to point this out. In North American English, the sound /ɔ/ appears in the connection with the sound /r/ only, such as in words *more*, *sore* and *door*.

The length of the tense vowels (/i/, /u/, /ɔ/, /ɑ/, /ɜ:/) can be further emphasized by adding /:/ such as /i:/, /u:/, /ɔ:/, /ɜ:/ and /ɑ:/. In English, words which contain only one syllable do not end in lax vowels, whereas tense vowels can occur at the end of monosyllabic words. The bolded parts of each word correspond to the IPA symbols.

Pronunciation Activities

- Tense and lax combinations such as *beet* vs *bit*.
- Diphthongs

Grammar Activities

- Vowel changes in irregular verbs: *be*–*been*, *write*–*written*
- Spelling and sounds /i:/ *bean*, *bee*, *be*

Answers

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Vowels/Fruits and Vegetables
Across

co <u>o</u> rn	o	2. a small round usually yellowish kernel
fi <u>i</u> g	i	3. an oblong or pear-shaped fruit grown in tropical countries
cha <u>a</u> rd	a	6. a leafy green vegetable
pu <u>u</u> mpkin	u	7. a popular Halloween vegetable
po <u>o</u> tato	o	8. a popular starchy vegetable usually used as a side dish
le <u>e</u> ttuce	e	9. a common garden vegetable used especially in salads
ap <u>o</u> ple	o	10. usually round and red, yellow, or green fruit

Down

du <u>u</u> rian	u	1. a large exotic foul-smelling fruit with a prickly rind
co <u>o</u> conut	ow/o	2. a fruit from a palm tree whose nut contains thick edible meat and milk
gra <u>e</u> pe	ei/e	4. a juicy greenish white to deep red or purple berry eaten dried or fresh as a fruit or used for making wine
lee <u>i</u> k	i	5. a green vegetable with thick cylindrical stalk and flat leaves
pr <u>u</u> ne	u	8. a plum dried or capable of drying without fermentation

Interactive Exercises

1 Vowels

Across corn fig chard pumpkin potato lettuce apple

Down durian coconut grape leek prune