

Unstressed vowels

- **Vowels** are the letters 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u', all other letters are **consonants**.
- **Syllables** are the beats in word: do (1 beat), do-ing (2 beats), un-do-ing (3 beats).
- Every syllable must contain a vowel or a 'y': **un-do-ing**.
- Sometimes the vowel in a particular syllable is not heard or stressed.
- An **affix** is a letter or letters added to the start or end of a word to change its meaning.

<i>(list 6:4) (non-statutory)</i>	Practise 1 <i>(copy into space)</i>	Practise 2 <i>(fold and hide)</i>	Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i>
Spelling tip:	<i>Vowels are sometimes said quickly or quietly, or the 'beat' falls elsewhere so they are not heard.</i>		
<i>chocolate</i>			
<i>Wednesday</i>			
<i>parliament</i>			
<i>history</i>			
<i>describe</i>			

Spelling tip:	<i>Adding an affix can result in an unstressed vowel as it changes the 'beat' (frighten/frightening).</i>		
<i>different</i>			
<i>prosperous</i>			
<i>memorable</i>			
<i>stationary</i>			
<i>generously</i>			

Spelling tip:	<i>Many words with unstressed vowels contain the 'en', 'er' patterns.</i>		
<i>frightening</i>			
<i>fattening</i>			
<i>deafening</i>			
<i>difference</i>			
<i>reference</i>			