

Calvert 5th Grade Language Arts incorporates writing, spelling, vocabulary, reading, and grammar into one dynamic course. Colorful worktexts are filled with lessons on story elements, written reports, poetry, word usage, and reading fluency.

The Village Blacksmith

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1840)

1 Under a spreading chestnut-tree
The village smithy stands;
The smith, a mighty man is he,
With large and sinewy hands;
5 And the muscles of his brawny arms
Are strong as iron bands.
10 His hair is crisp, and black, and long,
His face is like the tan;
His brow is wet with honest sweat,
He earns what eats of him,
15 And looks the whole world in the face,
For he owes not any man.
Week in, week out, from morn till night,
You can hear him swing his heavy sledge,
You can hear him swing his heavy sledge,
20 With measured beat and slow,
Like a sexton ringing the village bell,
When the evening sun is low.



POETRY | Unit 6

20 And children coming home from school
Look in at the open door,
They love to see the flaming forge,
And hear the bellows roar,
And catch the burning sparks that fly
Like chaff from a threshing-floor.
25 He goes on Sunday to the church,
And sits among the boys,
And sees the parson pray and preach,
He hears his daughter's voice,
He hears his mother's voice,
Singing in the village choir,
And it makes his heart rejoice,
And to think of her mother's voice,
And to see her working once more,

STORY MESSAGES | Unit 1

Vowel-digraph Design

In the first spelling lesson, each word contained a vowel diphthong. A vowel diphthong is a blend of two speech sounds. Two vowels blend their sound together.
In this lesson, we will study the **vowel-digraph** design. A vowel digraph is two vowels written together that make one sound. The sound may be the sound of one of the letters or a new sound.

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The following chart shows some common vowel digraphs (the boldface letters).

ea as in **eat**
ew as in **chew**
ay as in **bay**
au as in **taught**

oo as in **moon**
oi as in **train**
ow as in **slow**

ee as in **meet**
oa as in **coat**

A vowel digraph is one vowel sound that is spelled with two vowel letters. The spelling list contains two-syllable words with vowel digraphs. Learn to spell each word. Know how to pronounce it and know its meaning. Follow the five-step study plan for learning spelling words.

SPELLING WORDS - 2

ea creature eastern	ai railway failure	oo loader roaster	ew eschew fewer
ay playing wayward	ow growing sower	ee sweeten freedom	oo crooked booklet
au caution saucer	oo smoothly toothache		

Using the words from your Spelling Words -2, complete the following activity.
Write a second word from the spelling list that has the same sound.

WRITE THE...	WORD	VOWEL DIGRAPH	FIRST SYLLABLE	SECOND SYLLABLE
2.52	creature	ea	crea	
2.53	booklet	oo	book	
2.54	smoothly	oo	smooth	
2.55	eschew	ew	eschew	
2.56	sweeten	ee	sweeten	
2.57	railway	ai	railway	
2.58	wayward	ay	wayward	
2.59	loader	oo	loader	
2.60	sower	ow	sower	
2.61	caution	au	caution	

2.62 Write a story using the words from the spelling list. Look at the chart and write a story about the words. When you are finished, illustrate the story.

Scope & Sequence

Unit 1	<p>STORY MESSAGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main idea and plot • Character and setting • Dialogue • Diphthongs • Digraphs 	Unit 6	<p>POETRY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhythm • Symbolism • Personification • Irregular plurals • Stanza
Unit 2	<p>MAIN IDEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry and stories • Synonyms • Topic sentences • Adjectives and nouns • Compounds 	Unit 7	<p>WORD USAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common, plural, and possessive nouns • Fact and opinion • Story and main idea
Unit 3	<p>WORDS TO STORIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject and predicate • Adverbs • Critical thinking • Writing a short story • Idioms 	Unit 8	<p>ALL ABOUT VERBS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tense and action • Participles • Regular and irregular • Singular and plural
Unit 4	<p>WRITTEN REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline • Metaphor and simile • Writing the report • Types of sentences 	Unit 9	<p>READING FLUENCY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed reading • Graphic aids • Study skills • Literary forms
Unit 5	<p>STORY ELEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legend • Dialogue and quotations • Word order and usage • Story elements • Implied meaning 	Unit 10	<p>STORY ELEMENTS AND POETRY REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literary forms • Parts of speech • Writing skills • Study skills

