

Word Sort: Changes in Sound and/or Spelling of the Root

Sort the following word pairs into one of four categories: no change occurs to the root word; the pronunciation of the root word changes; the spelling of the root word changes; both the pronunciation and spelling of the root word changes.

No Change	Change in Sound	Change in Spelling	Change in Sound and Spelling

Word Pairs

heal/health	please/pleasure	profit/profitable	wise/wisdom
grow/growth	step/stepping	human/humanity	sense/sensible
hymn/hymnal	run/running	perform/performance	deep/depth
love/lovely	repeat/repetition	teach/teacher	fury/furious
differ/different	sign/signature	athlete/athletic	public/publicity
reason/reasonable	provide/provision	bomb/bombard	secure/security



Answer Key

No change	Change in sound	Change in	Change in sound and
		spelling	spelling
teach/teacher	sign/signature		
differ/different	bomb/bombard	run/running	please/pleasure
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