

# Spelling Newsletter

for Students and Their Families

## Moving Ahead

In Units 13 through 17 of your child's level of *Houghton Mifflin Spelling and Vocabulary*, children are introduced to words with long vowel sounds, such as *pay*, which has the long *a* sound; *clean*, which has the long *e* sound; *cold*, which has the long *o* sound; and *night*, which has the long *i* sound. They also learn about homophones, words that sound the same but that have different spellings and meanings, such as *meat* and *meet* and *road* and *rode*.

## Word Lists

Your child has been studying these words and others with similar patterns.

UNIT 13	UNIT 14	UNIT 15	UNIT 16	UNIT 17
pay	each	own	light	meet
train	clean	float	find	meat
whale	teeth	both	high	week
away	sheep	know	July	weak
they	beach	do	eye	too
great	people	goes	buy	two

## Family Activity

Play Make a Match with your child. Using at least two words from each of the unit word lists above, make two duplicate sets of cards with a Spelling Word written on each one. Shuffle the cards and scatter them face down on a table.

With your child, take turns trying to find two matching cards. Turn over two cards, and say the word on each card. If the words on the cards are not the same, turn the cards face down again. Your turn is over. If the words do match, spell the word, keep the pair of cards, and take another turn.

The player with the most cards after all matches have been made is the winner. Repeat the game using the remaining words from Units 13–17.

