Language experts do not agree on the number of vowels in English, but they do agree on one thing: every spoken word has at least one vowel. Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Notice that the Word Bank contains only nine words—one of the words fits two sentences. Yes, you may use your dictionary.

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1. The ________________ into the main mineshaft ran for almost 200 feet.

2. One Harry Potter Web site matches the character names with ________________ symbols.

3. Moesha’s grandfather says that he feels more like an ________________ the older he gets.

4. Jaden didn’t think it was fair of Mr. Davis to deduct points from essays if a student used a pronoun without an ________________.

5. Marvin is an ________________ of World Cup soccer, but his daughter is a tennis nut.

6. “Certainly not! Rubbish!” said Melissa’s dad when she urged him to see the new exhibit of ________________ paintings.

7. The ________________ the arsonist had used to torch the building.

8. Doug is a vegetarian, so he was disgusted when he had to visit an ________________ to buy goatskin for his South Indian drum.

9. When he noticed some symptoms of altitude sickness, Sal knew he still wasn’t ________________.

10. Instead of reading the complete article, Chloe used an ________________ for her research paper.

“Playing 'Bop' is like playing Scrabble with all the vowels missing.”
—Duke Ellington, American bandleader, jazz composer, and pianist, 1899–1974