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Vowel Sleuths

Investigate each incomplete word. First, write the **short vowel** you hear. Then decide whether the word ends with **ck** or **k** and write the complete word. **Detective Tip:** A one-syllable word usually ends in **ck** when the /k/ sound comes immediately after one short vowel. Use **k** when another consonant comes before the /k/ sound.

Sentence Clue	Short Vowel	CK or K?	Complete Word
1. The yellow du____ paddled across the pond.	_____	_____	_____
2. Place the book on the wooden des_____.	_____	_____	_____
3. We ate a sna_____ during our afternoon break.	_____	_____	_____
4. The puppy found a sti_____ beneath the tree.	_____	_____	_____
5. Dad poured cold mil_____ into my glass.	_____	_____	_____
6. A smooth ro_____ rested beside the trail.	_____	_____	_____
7. Please wear a mas_____ while sanding the wood.	_____	_____	_____
8. The farmer drove his tru_____ across the field.	_____	_____	_____
9. The runner stayed on the marked tra_____.	_____	_____	_____
10. The teacher gave us one important tas_____.	_____	_____	_____

Case Files - Circle the correctly spelled word. Then underline the short vowel that helps explain the spelling.

11. The frog jumped onto a flat stone beside the water.

A. rok B. rock C. rokk D. roc

12. Liam wore a black jacket during the chilly morning.

A. blak B. black C. blakk D. blac

13. The clock rang loudly when the lesson ended.

A. klok B. clock C. clokk D. cloc

14. We placed each brick carefully along the garden path.

A. brik B. brick C. brikk D. bric

15. The swimmer kicked quickly toward the side of the pool.

A. kiked B. kicked C. kickt D. kiked

