

Spl- Word Contrast Answer Key

1. **split** means to divide something into two or more parts. **splint** is a medical tool used to support an injured finger, arm, or leg.
2. **splash** is when water or another liquid moves or hits something and spreads. **splat** is the sound something makes when it hits a surface in a messy way.
3. **plotch** is a single blob or spot of color or dirt. **splatter** is many drops that spray out in different directions.
4. **splurge** means to spend extra money on something special. **splendid** means something is wonderful or excellent.
5. **splat** is the messy sound made when something hits a surface. **spot** is a small, simple spot of color or dirt.

Teacher's Guide

- Review each pair of words aloud and highlight the **spl** onset to reinforce phonics while deepening vocabulary understanding.
- For students who need support, provide sentence starters such as "____ means..." or "The difference is..." to help them write explanations.
- Challenge advanced learners to create new two-word comparisons using different **spl** words and explain the difference in meaning.
- Encourage students to draw quick sketches showing the differences between word pairs to boost comprehension and retention.