**Vowel Alternations**

**Long, Short, and Schwa**

**Long to Short**
When a long vowel changes to a short vowel, the stress remains on the same syllable.

- vol/cā/no → vol/cān/ic
- de/cīde → de/cī/sion

**Long to Schwa**
When a long vowel changes to a schwa sound, the schwa syllable is NOT accented.

- pre/sīde → pres/ə/dent
- man/dāte → man/də/to/ry

**Short to Schwa**
When a short vowel changes to a schwa sound, the schwa syllable is NOT accented.

- em/phā/tic → em/phə/sis
- ex/cēl → ex/cēl/lent

**Hint:** Thinking of a related word can help you spell another word, for example, narrate/narrative, compose/composition, serene/serenity, etc.