

Chapter 25 – R-controlled vowel exceptions, 'wor' and 'war'

This lesson teaches the r-controlled vowel exceptions.

Words to Blend

'ear' makes the sound of 'ear':

ear hear fear dear gear near rear tear smear spear clear
dreary

'ear' makes the 'er' sound.

search earth heard pearl early earnest learn yearn hearse re-
hearsal

'ear', 'air', 'are', 'ere' and 'er' sometimes make the sound of 'air':

bear tear wear pear

air fair hair lair pair chair stair swear flair aircraft airline
airport fairway dairy airmail

bare care dare vary stare spare parent compare square fare-
well scare careful prepare daring rare

there where very merit sheriff

cherry berry ferry Terry Gerry merry terrible herring errand
error derrick

And in the words below, the 'a' makes the ă sound.

carry carrot barrel parrot narrow arrow sparrow

Wor

work word worm world worthy worse
worry worth worst worship worker

War

war wart warp warm swarm warden warn
award toward reward



R-controlled exceptions

bear	search	award
air	ferry	earth
bare	world	near
smear	early	hair
worm	warm	tear
fair	ear	fairy
terrible	chair	learn
clear	worry	square
parent	dreary	pear
pear	dairy	very
carry	rehearse	fear
hear	care	airport
dare	heard	stare
stair	word	berry
pearl	wear	spear

Reading

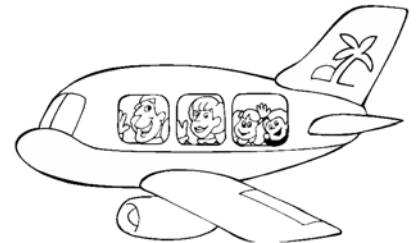
Would you like to go around the world?
Let's go! The earth is very large.
Prepare by learning about the countries.
Some places in the world are very warm.
What will you wear?



Pack all your gear carefully.
You do not want the case to be too heavy as you will have to
carry it.

You must arrive early at the airport.
Go to the airline counter with your tickets.
Say 'farewell' to your parents.
Walk into the airplane and find your narrow seat.

The chair tips forward and back.
It is in the rear of the aircraft.
Search for your seat belt and fasten it.
Away you go!



Mom sent me on an errand to the corner store.
She said that I should listen carefully.
She wanted me to get cherries and berries and carrots.
Did I hear her? I did not hear clearly.
I heard cheese and bread and cabbage.
I went towards the store.
When I got home Mom said I had terrible ears.
Maybe my hair was in my ears!



Chapter 26 - au, aw, augh

This lesson teaches the /o/ (short 'ö') sound of au, aw and augh.

Words to Blend

au

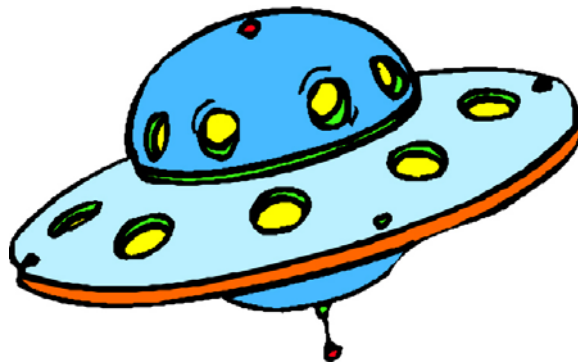
fault haul maul Paul saucer cause August gauze pause
author vault clause autumn laundry pauper applause
cauliflower jaunty caustic faucet fraud fraudulent nautical
gaudy launch haunt

aw

jaw saw law claw paw draw straw thaw awning awl scrawl
dawn yawn dawdle tawdry crawfish lawyer tawny hawthorn
lawn prawn crawl awkward awful awe bawl shawl flaw awful
hawk squawk

augh

daughter taught caught distraught haughty slaughter naughty



'au', 'aw' and 'augh'

taught	jaw	maul
claw	fault	yawn
dawn	prawn	faucet
haul	cauliflower	awning
daughter	dawdle	crawl
scrawl	haunt	saucer
applaud	awkward	awful
paw	saw	naughty
straw	cause	awe
crawfish	thaw	fraud
August	bawl	caught
lawn	laundry	lawyer
law	hawk	pause
awful	launch	shawl
author	squawk	draw

Reading

Mom asked Paul to fold the laundry.
Paul was naughty and he dawdled.
He yawned and yawned.
He folded a shawl, but he was awkward.
He did an awful job! It is Paul's fault.



What do these words mean?
Something nautical is about the sea.
If you hear applause, people are clapping their hands.
Gauze is thin cotton.

What is a faucet? A faucet is a tap.
An awning is made of canvas and goes over
a door or a window.

Dawn is the beginning of the day.
Girls are daughters and boys are sons.
If you are naughty, you are behaving badly.
Do you dawdle? To dawdle is to go slowly.
If you pause, you stop for a short time.
If you bawl, you cry very loudly.

A crawfish is a bit like a lobster.
A hawthorn is a bush or a tree with pretty blossoms.
Do you like to eat prawns? A prawn is like a shrimp.
A saucer goes under a teacup.
An author writes something.
Now you know what these words mean!



Chapter 27 - Odd spellings with 'vowel(s) + gh'

This lesson shows some odd pronunciations of 'gh'.

Words to Blend

eigh

eight eighteen eighty freight weigh sleigh
neigh weight neighbour

height



igh

high sigh night light fright bright tight sight flight plight
slight alight might delight blight midnight nightingale mighty

ough

dough though although borough thorough doughnut thoroughly

cough trough

rough enough tough

thought brought sought bought fought ought thoughtful

bough plough drought

through slough

hiccough (*alternate spelling of hiccup, pronounced the same*)

augh (*also in the previous lesson*)

daughter taught caught distraught haughty slaughter naughty
draught (*rhymes with 'out' - meaning lack of rain*)

laugh laughter draught (*pronounced 'draft' - mostly British*)

Odd spellings with 'vowel(s) + gh'

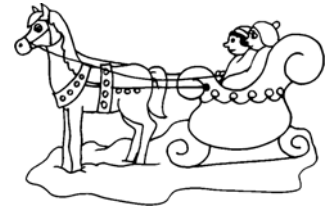
dough	high	tough
sleigh	through	fright
cough	flight	though
bright	thought	tight
hiccough	eight	bought
height	although	delight
brought	naughty	laugh
might	sigh	eighty
daughter	sight	rough
eighteen	thorough	caught
light	slight	weight
enough	laughter	doughnut
taught	midnight	laughing
weigh	bough	neighbour
fought	night	mighty

Reading

My neighbour's daughter is sick.
She woke at midnight with a bad cough.
Her mother brought her some medicine.
If she takes enough she will get better.



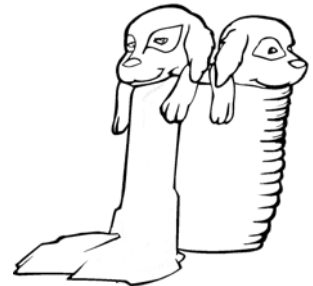
In the winter we go for a sleigh ride.
We go at night with lights on the sleigh.
The horse neighs as he trots through the gate.
We had a delightful ride!



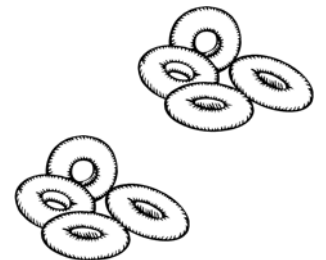
It is time for a check-up at the doctor's office.
He checks your weight and your height.
He puts a bright light in your eyes.
He asks you to cough and listens to your heart.
He gives you a thorough check-up!



We bought two little puppies.
They play roughly. They are naughty!
They ran through the door and I caught them.
The naughty puppies make me laugh.



I love doughnuts!
I can never get enough delightful doughnuts.
I bought eight and shared them with my neighbour.
Maybe eight is enough!



Chapter 28 - ph, kn, gn, wr, mn, mb

This lesson teaches the digraph 'ph' and consonant teams with one consonant silent.

Words to Blend

ph

phone telephone photograph phonics alphabet hyphen elephant
graph amphibian microphone cellophane dolphin nephew
phantom pharmacy pharmacist phase phrase oomph
phenomenal phlox physics glyph autograph Joseph emphasis
(diphthong is pronounced dip-thong.....)

kn

knack knave knapsack knead knell knee knight knickknack
knife knit knitting knob know knowledge known knock knoll
knothole knuckle

wr

wrack wrap wrapping wrangle wrangler wrath wreck wreckage
wrench wretch wreath wretch wrestler write written writing
wrist wring wrinkle writhe wrong wriggle wren wring

gn

gnat gnaw gnome gnash gnarl gnu

mn

hymn autumn column condemn solemn

mb

lamb comb limb climb thumb crumb bomb plumber dumb
numb tomb doorjamb succumb jamb



ph and kn, gn, wr, mn and mb

gnaw	phonics	wreckage
phone	lamb	wrist
solemn	knee	phrase
wreath	photograph	crumb
graph	autumn	hyphen
comb	alphabet	gnat
autograph	wrap	knead
bomb	knight	limb
wrangle	write	pharmacy
nephew	plumber	wreck
known	dolphin	gnu
climb	knock	wrong
wrestler	condemn	amphibian
elephant	telephone	thumb
gnome	wrench	knife

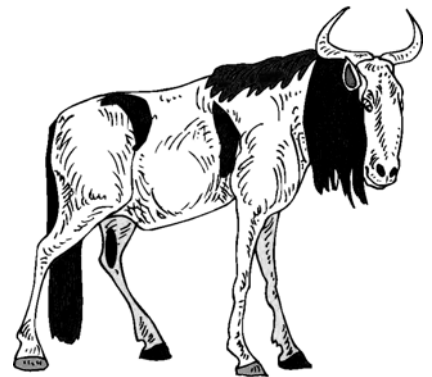
Reading

We gain lots of knowledge in school.
First we learn the alphabet.
We use phonics to blend letter sounds to make words.
When we know words, we can write.
I have written stories and poems and letters.

The gnome lived on a knoll.
He had a telephone in his knapsack.
He phoned his nephew.
He said, "I am going to go to school.
I want to learn to be a pharmacist - or maybe I will be a
writer, or a plumber. I could take photographs or be a singer
with a microphone."
His nephew said, "Be a wrestler! It would be fun to wrestle."



Can you gnaw on a bone?
Can you climb out on a tree limb?
Can you photograph an elephant?
Can a gnat sit on a doorjamb?
Does a plumber use a wrench?
Can you write your autograph?
Could a gnu wriggle and writhe?
Is a lamb an amphibian?



Lesson 29 - Word endings - tion, sion, ture

This lesson teaches the 'tion', 'sion' and the 'ture' word endings.

Words to Blend

tion

action lotion conversation motion notion ration auction caution
fiction station education addition subtraction election equation
fraction location position reaction relation solution vacation
attention condition direction exception imitation pollution
reflection situation suggestion invention combination

sion

depression expression explosion fusion vision session version
pension mansion erosion mission illusion omission division
decision invasion collision expansion admission profession
procession confession omission comprehension conclusion
confusion decision

ture

future nature capture pasture lecture feature mixture picture
culture posture texture vulture puncture moisture creature
departure miniature adventure sculpture structure furniture
signature agriculture literature temperature manufacture



'tion', 'sion' and 'ture'

vision	future	education
caution	lecture	explosion
admission	action	pasture
addition	mixture	illusion
vacation	culture	posture
expression	station	notion
lotion	conclusion	texture
capture	vulture	fraction
equation	pension	feature
picture	conversation	creature
moisture	nature	subtraction
motion	adventure	mansion
erosion	furniture	auction
signature	election	temperature
fiction	literature	mission

Reading

We want to go on a vacation.
There are many decisions to make.
We must decide on the location.
Which direction will we go?
It is a difficult decision.
Mom suggested that we go to an adventure park.
That was a good suggestion!
We should go when the temperature is right.
Let's look at pictures of the park.
We can read the literature.
There is a nature park nearby.
We will visit an old mansion.
When will our departure be?
Yes, we can afford the admission fees.
What a good solution!
We will have a great adventure!



You must pay attention in school.
It is fun to do mathematics!
You will learn to do addition and subtraction.
Later you will learn multiplication and division.
I like to have all my equations correct.
Do you like to do fractions?
You will do well in the future!

Lesson 30 - odds and ends

This lesson teaches some of the oddities of our language!

Words to Blend

ew

dew new few hew mew yew pew grew blew crew brew drew
chew flew stew screw threw cashew mildew
review preview

And a few very odd words!

isle aisle island
debt doubt
often listen soften castle whistle fasten
sandwich Wednesday
sign foreign
honest hour four
half
cupboard
guess guitar
chemistry headache Christmas stomach
country double
sugar
beautiful
women
said
rhubarb
moustache
luscious
buoy
scissors science
choir
meringue
psychic psychology psychiatrist pneumonia

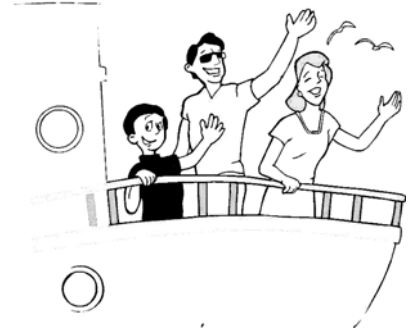


Odd words!

castle	Wednesday	half
guess	fasten	cashew
scissors	said	ache
sandwich	choir	whistle
moustache	country	science
cupboard	bruise	buoy
grind	sign	stomach
unkind	island	review
double	blind	soften
luscious	listen	flew
rhubarb	Christmas	trouble
chemistry	debt	aisle
debt	sugar	beautiful
preview	headache	often
foreign	behind	guitar

Reading

My family went on a cruise.
We visited many different islands
They were in a foreign country.
We saw castles with rooms of gold.
My family stayed half an hour in the castle.
When the cruise was over we flew home.



I enjoy music and singing.
I am going to learn to play the guitar.
My brother often whistles to beautiful music.



Find the Long Vowels!

I am going to the show. I hope I won't be late.
The movie will be great.
Did you read that magazine?
I do not believe in fighting.
I might buy a cute toy train.
We had beans, peas, meat and potatoes for dinner.
We may go around the gate.
The boat floats on the ocean.
Mom will sew a coat for Jane.
It isn't right to fight on the street.
Hold the reins when you ride the pony.