

Spelling Vowel + |r| Sounds

Read and Say

Name: 6th Grade



earth

Basic

1. fierce
2. sword
3. court
4. snarl
5. thorn
6. earth
7. skirt
8. chart
9. urge
10. yarn
11. whirl
12. mourn
13. rehearse
14. curb
15. earnest
16. starch
17. purse
18. birch
19. pierce
20. scorn

Read the sentences. Circle each bold word.

- 1 The angry cats had a **fierce** fight.
- 2 The king carried a sharp **sword**.
- 5 We played on the clay tennis **court**.
- 6 Some dogs **snarl** at people.
- 9 The bear had a **thorn** in its paw.
- 10 The bird swooped down to **earth**.
- 13 My aunt wore her wool **skirt**.
- 14 I made a **chart** of the food groups.
- 17 I **urge** you to be kind.
- 18 Her cat plays with a ball of **yarn**.
- 19 The dancers **whirl** around the stage.
- 20 They **mourn** for their lost pet.
- 15 We will **rehearse** the play today.
- 16 Park the car by the **curb**.
- 11 He made an **earnest** promise to return.
- 12 The **starch** made my shirt stiff.
- 7 I left my **purse** at the store.
- 8 I peeled some bark from the **birch**.
- 3 That pin will **pierce** the balloon.
- 4 Please don't **scorn** your friend.

Think and Write

Each word has one of these vowel + |r| sounds:

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| ûr skirt, urge , earth | är chart |
| ôr thorn , court | îr fierce |

- What are three spelling patterns for the |ûr| sounds? What are two spelling patterns for the |ôr| sounds? What are spelling patterns for the |är| and the |îr| sounds?

★ Now write each Basic Word under its vowel + |r| sounds.

|ûr| Sounds |ôr| Sounds |är| Sounds |îr| Sounds

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| Review | 23. torch |
| 21. pearl | 24. pour |
| 22. stir | 25. scar |

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| Challenge | 28. absurd |
| 26. circumstances | 29. forfeit |
| 27. turmoil | 30. sparse |

Independent Practice



Spelling Strategy

Remember these spelling patterns for these vowel + |r| sounds:

|ûr| *ear, ur, ir* |ôr| *or, our* |är| *ar* |îr| *ier*

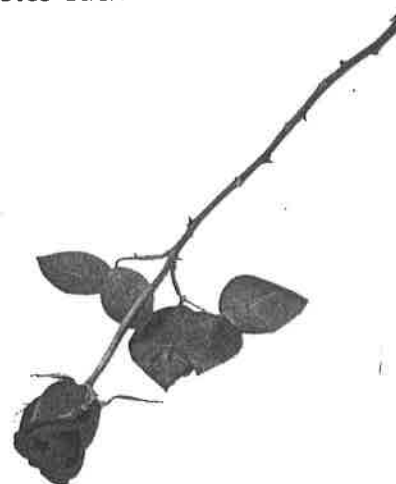
Word Analysis/Phonics Complete the exercises with Basic Words.

1. Write the word that begins with the |s| sound spelled sw.
- 2-4. Write the three words with the |k| sound spelled c.
- 5-8. Write the four words that have a final |s| sound.

Vocabulary: Analogies An **analogy** compares word pairs that are related in some way. Write the Basic Word that completes each analogy.

Example: Fast is to quick as start is to begin.

9. Flower is to daisy
as tree is to _____.
10. Shirt is to pants
as blouse is to _____.
11. Rejoice is to celebrate
as grieve is to _____.
12. Cactus is to spine
as rose is to _____.
13. Sewing is to thread
as knitting is to _____.



Challenge Words Write the Challenge Word that is a synonym for each word. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

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| 14. confusion | 16. ridiculous | 18. conditions |
| 15. penalty | 17. uncrowded | |



Spelling-Meaning Connection

How can you remember the difference in spelling between *morning* and *mourning*? Think of the meaning. The word *mourning*, which means “the expression of sorrow for a person who has died,” is related in spelling and meaning to *mourn*.

- 19-20. Write *mourning*. Then write the Basic Word that you see in *mourning*.



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SOUND SPELLINGS

|ûr| ear, er, ir, or, our, ur

SAMPLE WORDS

learn, herd, girl,
word, journey, turn

To find |mûrth|, you would look up the word with each spelling of the |ûr| sounds until you found *mirth*.

Practice Write the word that has each pronunciation below. Use the Spelling Table on pages 279–280 and your Spelling Dictionary.

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| 1. dĭ stûrb' | 3. rē' sûrch' | 5. jûr' nē | 7. kǒn' sûrt' |
| 2. swûrl | 4. dĭ zûrv' | 6. pûr' fyōm' | 8. kûr' ij |

Review: Spelling Spree

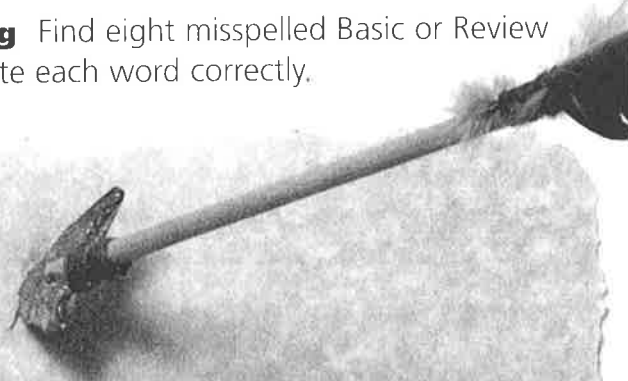
Word Detective Write a Basic or Review Word for each clue.

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| 9. wild and mean | 20. what mean dogs do |
| 10. has peeling bark | 21. makes shirts stiff |
| 11. mark left after an injury | 22. a homophone for <i>pore</i> |
| 12. provides light | 23. rims a street |
| 13. what you do with a spoon | 24. used to make sweaters |
| 14. feel grief | 25. what arrows do to targets |
| 15. found on a rosebush | |
| 16. graph or table | |
| 17. found in an oyster shell | |
| 18. what actors must do | |
| 19. spin rapidly | |



Proofreading and Writing

Proofread for Spelling Find eight misspelled Basic or Review Words in this legend. Write each word correctly.



The Legend of Robin Hood

Robin Hood would steal the purce of a rich person and give the money to the poor. He wore disguises—a mask or even a scirt—to carry out his deeds. His skill with both a bow and arrow and a sord was a threat to any enemy. With his followers he lived close to the ertth in Sherwood Forest. He tried to stir the common folk, to erge them to unite. He was loyal to the king but ernest in his fight against some members of the cort. His skorn for greedy and dishonest citzens was his claim to fame.

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Write an Ad

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Robin Hood needs members for his merry band. Write a help-wanted ad describing the job and its qualifications. Try to use five spelling words.



Proofreading Tip

Say each word aloud to yourself.

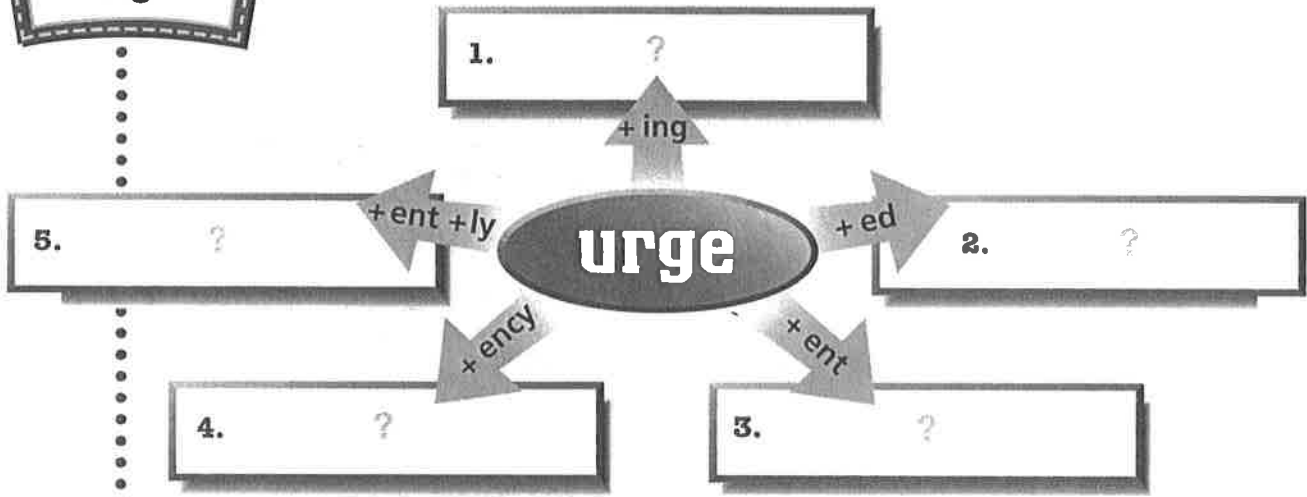
Proofreading Marks

- ¶ Indent
- ^ Add
- ⊙ Add a period
- ⌋ Delete
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter
- ∩ Reverse order

Expanding Vocabulary

Spelling Word Link
urge

Building a Word Family for *urge* Add each suffix or ending shown to make a form of *urge*: Use your Spelling Dictionary to find the meaning of each new word.



Complete each speech balloon with a form of *urge*.



Show You Know! Write a sentence for each form of *urge* that you built.