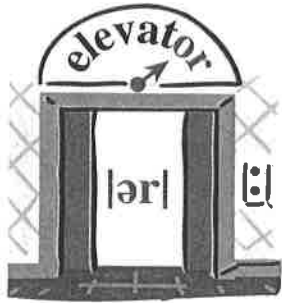


Read and Say



Basic

1. senator
2. director
3. minister
4. similar
5. senior
6. junior
7. messenger
8. superior
9. familiar
10. acre
11. calendar
12. elevator
13. inner
14. minor
15. barrier
16. grammar
17. surrender
18. particular
19. youngster
20. passenger

READ the sentences. **SAY** each bold word.

- 1 We will elect a new **senator**.
- 2 She is the **director** of our play.
- 3 Our new **minister** will preach this Sunday.
- 4 You and I have **similar** ideas.
- 5 My sister is in the **senior** class.
- 11 My brother is the **junior** golf champ.
- 12 The **messenger** delivered a note.
- 13 The best student has **superior** grades.
- 14 Is his face **familiar** to you?
- 15 They own one **acre** of land.
- 20 Your birthday is circled on my **calendar**.
- 19 He took an **elevator** to the third floor.
- 18 I live in the **inner** city.
- 17 She got a **minor** cut when she fell.
- 16 The fence is a **barrier** to our dog.
- 10 Try to use correct **grammar**.
- 9 The defeated army will **surrender** today.
- 8 I love that **particular** shade of blue.
- 7 That **youngster** is cute.
- 6 The **passenger** lost her ticket.

Think and Write

Each word ends with the schwa sound + *r*. The **schwa sound**, shown as |ə|, is a weak vowel sound often found in an unstressed syllable. Because the spelling of the |ə| sound is not clear, learn how this sound is spelled.

|ər| minister, junior, similar

- What three patterns can spell the final |ər| sounds? How are these sounds spelled in the Elephant Word?

→ Write each Basic Word under its spelling of the final |ər| sounds.

er

or

ar

- Review**
- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 21. mayor | 23. banner |
| 22. popular | 24. regular |
| | 25. consider |

- Challenge**
- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 26. ambassador | 28. councilor |
| 27. chancellor | 29. corridor |
| | 30. courier |

Independent Practice



Spelling Strategy

When you hear the final |ər| sounds in words of two or more syllables, think of the spelling patterns *er*, *or*, and *ar*.

Word Analysis/Phonics Complete the exercises with Basic Words.

1. Write the word with the |ū| sound spelled *ou*.
2. Write the word with the |ī| sound.
- 3-4. Write the two words with the |j| sound spelled *g*.
- 5-8. Write the four words with the |k| sound spelled *c*.

Vocabulary: Making Inferences Write the Basic Word that fits each clue.

9. A dam and a fort's wall are examples of this.
10. This is something you study in English class.
11. This is what one side does at the end of a war.
12. This can get you to the top floor of a tall building.
13. A student almost ready to graduate from high school is one.

Challenge Words Write the Challenge Word that completes each sentence. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

14. The senator's office is at the end of a long _____.
15. A United States _____ works to create goodwill abroad.
16. The President sent the urgent message by _____.
17. The townspeople voted to elect a new _____.
18. Some European countries are run by a _____.



Spelling-Meaning Connection

How can you remember how to spell the final |ər| sounds in *similar*? Think of the |ər| sounds in the related word *similarity*.

- 19-20. Write *similar*. Then write the related word that helps you remember how to spell the final |ər| sounds in *similar*.

similar

similarity

Dictionary

Pronunciation Key How can you find out what the symbols in a pronunciation mean? Use the **pronunciation key**. The pronunciation key gives an example word that has the sound shown by each symbol. For example, *pit* has the vowel sound shown by [ɪ].

PRONUNCIATION
in·ner [ɪn' ər]

PART OF A PRONUNCIATION KEY
ɪ pit ə ago, item, pencil,
atom, circus

Practice Write the word below that matches each pronunciation. Use the pronunciation key on page 283. Check your answers in your Spelling Dictionary.

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | leather | police | pass |
| | pace | leisure | policy |
| 1. [pɒl' ɪ sē] | | 3. [lē' zhər] | 5. [pās] |
| 2. [lěth' ər] | | 4. [päs] | 6. [pə lēs'] |

Review: Spelling Spree

Contrast Clues The second part of each clue contrasts with the first part. Write a Basic or Review Word to fit each clue.

Example: not different, but _____ *similar*

- | | |
|---|--|
| 7. not spelling, but _____ | 20. not a governor, but a _____ |
| 8. not an actor, but a _____ | 21. not junior, but _____ |
| 9. not outer, but _____ | 22. not unlike, but _____ |
| 10. not inferior, but _____ | 23. not an old-timer, but a _____ |
| 11. not senior, but _____ | 24. not unusual, but _____ |
| 12. not a priest, but a _____ | 25. not general, but _____ |
| 13. not a driver, but a _____ | |
| 14. not unknown, but _____ | |
| 15. not a passageway, but a _____ | |
| 16. not an escalator, but an _____ | |
| 17. not fight, but _____ | |
| 18. not disliked, but _____ | |
| 19. not major, but _____ | |



Proofreading and Writing

Proofread for Spelling Find ten misspelled Basic or Review Words in this part of a letter. Write each word correctly.



SENATE No. 1809
 HOUSE No. 3334
 By Mr. Herren of

Dear Lori,

This has been a banner year! I won the Good Citizen Award. Now I'm the youngster in a group of pages at the Capitol. My regular job is to be a messenger for a senator. The Senate is about to consider a bill to pay farmers for each acer of crops. This particular bill is popular in the Midwest. A similiar bill and some minor bills are on the calender too.

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Write Slogans

Make Giggles your regular toothpaste! Write several snappy slogans for an election campaign or an advertising campaign. Create them as bumper stickers or magazine ads if you like. Try to use five spelling words.



5 slogans
= 10 pts

Proofreading Marks

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

Proofreading Tip

Check for words in which an extra letter has accidentally been added.



Expanding Vocabulary

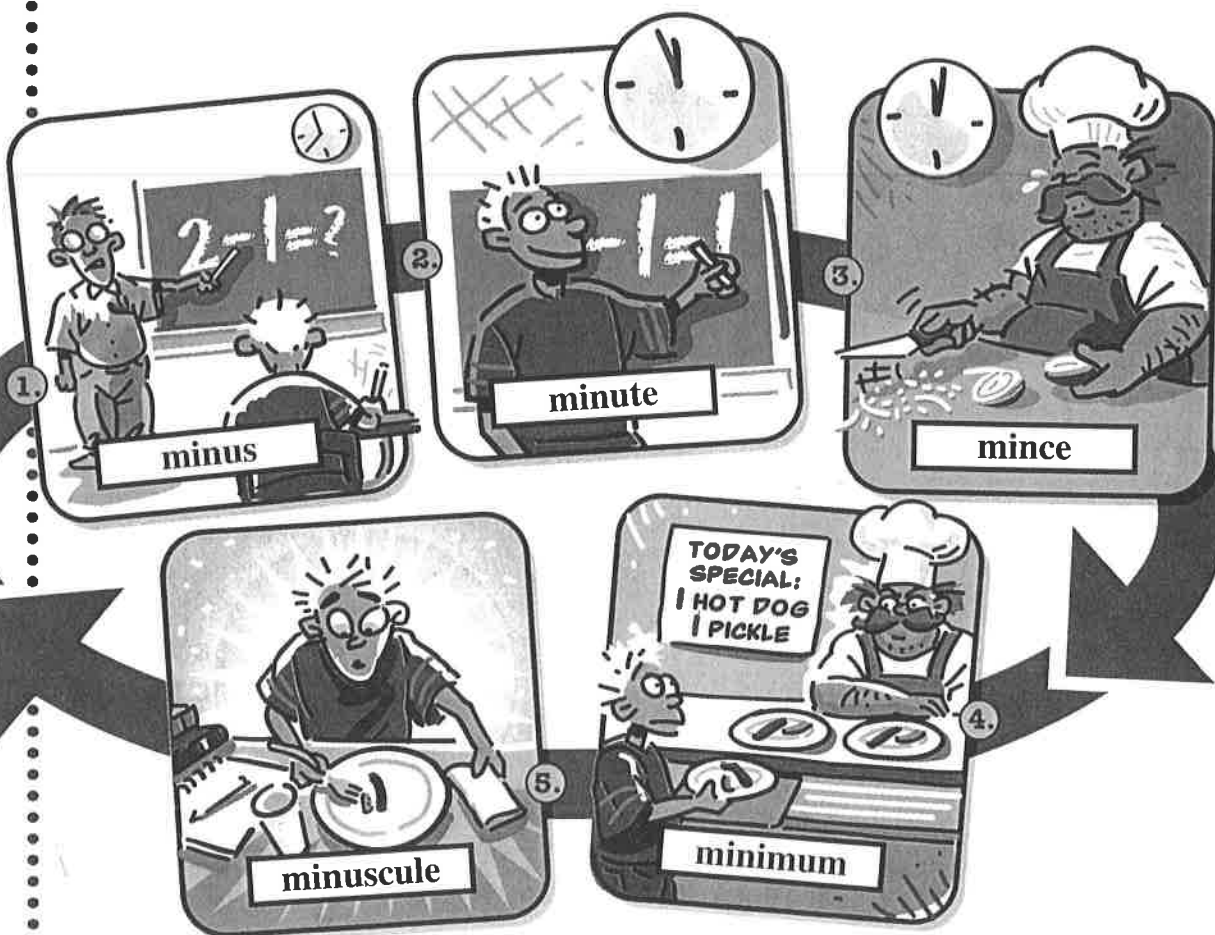
Spelling Word Link

minor

minimum
minus
minute
minuscule
mince

The Word Root *min* The spelling word *minor* and many other English words contain the word root *min*. A **word root** is a word part that has meaning but cannot stand alone, as a base word can. *Min* comes from Latin words meaning "small," "least," and "to lessen."

Work with a partner to write what one person in each cartoon might be saying. Use the word on the cartoon in your sentence.



Real-World Connection

Social Studies: Government All the words in the box relate to government. Look up these words in your Spelling Dictionary. Then write the words to complete this news bulletin.

Spelling Word Link

senator

republic
parliament
cabinet
monarchy
dictatorship
embassy
citizens
anarchy

Last Transaction Report
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WIRE SERVICE BULLETIN

King Oscar of Arzat is about to step down, ending the days of his (1). The staff at the United States (2) in Arzat had wondered what would happen. The people who are (3) of Arzat had to choose a new government quickly to avoid a confused state of (4). No one wanted a prime minister with a lawmaking (5) or the absolute authority of a (6). Finally, all agreed that Arzat will become a (7), governed by an elected president and the members of an appointed (8).

Try This Challenge

Yes or No? Write *yes* if the underlined word is used correctly. Write *no* if it is not.

9. The cabinet gives the President important advice.
10. A republic can be headed by a king.
11. A senator lives in an embassy.
18. A president can sail aboard a dictatorship.

Fact File

In 1945 the United Nations (UN) was formed to help keep world peace. Representatives from more than 150 nations meet at UN headquarters in New York City to help unite the governments of the world.

