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Words where the digraph 'oo' makes an /oo/ sound

Vocabulary: food, moon, zoo, spoon, soon

Today, we are going to learn about words that have a special sound made by the digraph 'oo'. A digraph is when two letters come together to make just one sound. In words like food, moon, zoo, spoon, and soon the 'oo' digraph makes the sound like the noise you make when you see something cute or funny /oo/. You can also think of it as the sound a cow makes /moo/.

Let's look at some examples to understand this concept better:

Food: Think of your favorite meal, like pizza or ice cream. When you say the word food, try to make a funny face and say /oo/ sound to emphasize the 'oo' part. So, food sounds like the cow going /moo/ with a funny face.

Moon: Imagine a nice night with a bright round moon in the sky. When you say moon, try to make the /oo/ sound gently and quietly, as if you are whispering. Moon sounds like the night being calm with a little /oo/ sound.

Zoo: Imagine going to visit all the different animals at the zoo. When you say zoo, make a happy face and say the /oo/ sound with excitement. Zoo sounds like all the animals are having fun, making a beautiful /oo/ sound together.

Spoon: Picture yourself enjoying a bowl of delicious soup with a spoon. When you say spoon, say the /oo/ sound while gently tapping your lips with your fingers. Spoon sounds like the lips having a little tap while saying /oo/.

Soon: Think about something exciting that will happen very soon, like a birthday party or a holiday. When you say soon, make an eager face and say the /oo/ sound with anticipation. Soon sounds like something good is coming up and you cannot wait, saying /oo/.

I hope this helps you understand words with the 'oo' digraph and their special sound. Keep practising and notice how many other 'oo' words you can find in your reading books or at

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Words where the digraph 'oo' makes an /u/ sound

Vocabulary: book, foot, good, wood, cook

Today, we are going to learn about some interesting words that have a special sound. These words have the letters 'oo' together, but they don't sound like /oo/ in moon or spoon. Instead, they sound like the /u/ sound you hear in words like cup or hut. Isn't that fascinating?

Let's look at some examples of words where the digraph 'oo' makes an /u/ sound:

Book: Just like the books you read, this word has the 'oo' in it. But when we say book, we don't say 'booke' or 'bookoo'. Instead, we say it like the 'u' in cup. Give it a try - say book and notice the /u/ sound at the beginning.

Foot: This is the word we use for the part of our body that helps us stand and walk. When we say foot, the 'oo' sound is pronounced as /u/. It's like when we say put or cut. Say foot and feel the /u/ sound at the start.

Good: We use this word to say something is nice, right or appropriate. The 'ood' part of the word is said like the /u/ sound. When we say good, it sounds a bit like 'gud'. Say 'good' and hear the /u/ sound in it.

Wood: This word is all about the material we get when we cut down trees. To say wood, we pronounce the 'oo' part like /u/. It's similar to the /u/ sound in hood or should. Give it a go - say wood and notice the /u/ sound.

To help you remember these words, you can draw pictures of a book, foot, good things, a piece of wood, and a chef cooking. You can also try reading some simple sentences that include these words, or play a fun matching game where you have to match the word with its corresponding picture.

Remember, it is important to understand that the 'oo' in these words makes a special /u/ sound. By practicing saying them and playing games, you will become an expert in using these words in no time. Well done!

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① Draw a line to match the words that rhyme:

book ●	○ cook
good ●	○ soon
food ●	○ wood
moon ●	○ spoon

② Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the list:

boot food noon soon zoo

The animals at the are very interesting.

I always eat healthy for lunch.

We go on a walk every day at .

Don't forget to put on your rain before going outside.

The spaceship will launch .

③ Sort the following words by their pronunciation:

spoon, book, food, foot, good, cook, zoo, soon, boot, noon

wood ...	moon ...
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- ④ Find and circle following words: **book, foot, good, wood, cook, food, moon, zoo, spoon, soon**. They can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

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N	H	X	O	Y	O	D	F	N	D	F	K	T	I	X	Q	I
B	S	P	O	O	N	Z	K	A	N	O	E	R	V	V	J	X
T	R	Z	K	N	B	H	G	S	Z	O	A	E	W	R	N	W
Q	F	Z	I	K	A	Q	U	C	V	D	N	X	F	X	M	D
Q	M	E	X	Z	C	N	I	H	U	I	Z	O	T	R	M	D
H	R	A	L	L	U	W	O	O	D	D	Z	D	Z	B	L	A
A	N	J	E	P	G	R	J	B	E	N	V	Z	E	E	I	O
Z	W	I	I	B	A	R	N	V	F	O	O	T	M	Q	O	E
P	U	Q	G	E	T	O	G	X	I	N	L	F	M	Z	Q	K
N	F	C	G	N	O	C	B	G	M	G	H	D	K	S	P	Q
D	N	U	L	M	J	L	I	E	Y	G	N	C	V	Y	D	P
T	O	A	M	Q	A	H	E	X	P	M	O	V	O	A	K	W
C	D	E	J	R	N	W	M	V	Q	J	P	O	J	O	Z	J
F	P	W	F	O	L	E	U	F	I	W	F	A	D	P	K	V
K	U	V	O	Z	N	E	E	W	H	W	V	X	Z	D	F	J
R	P	S	U	U	K	K	E	H	T	N	U	E	P	C	O	I

- ⑤ Try to form a sentence with as many from the following words as possible:
spoon, book, food, foot, good, cook, zoo, soon, boot, noon, wood, moon.
Read it out loud then!

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Words where 'ie' makes an /ee/ sound

Vocabulary: thief, priest, niece, chief, field

Let's explore words where the letters 'ie' make the /ee/ sound, just like in the words thief, priest, niece, chief, and field.

Imagine that you have a secret code in which each letter represents a sound. In this code, the letters 'ie' come together to make the sound /ee/. So, when you see those two letters together, you know to pronounce that sound.

Now, let's use an example to help you understand this concept better. Think about the word thief. When we see the letters 'ie' in this word, we pronounce them as /ee/. So if you say 'thee-f', it sounds like thief!

To help you remember some of these 'ie' words, let's use an analogy. Imagine you are playing a game of pretend with your friends, and you have to dress up as a special character. Let's say you pick the role of a detective. You dress up in a long coat and a hat like Sherlock Holmes, a famous detective. While playing, your friends might call you their thief. And when they call you thief, remember that the 'ie' in "thief" sounds like /ee/. So, you can practice saying the word like "thee-f."

To make things even more exciting, you can create a secret 'ie' detective code! Write a message for your friends using words with 'ie' that sound like /ee/. They have to decode it to understand what you are saying. For example, you could write, "Meet me at the chie-fee-ls tomorrow," which means "Meet me at the fields tomorrow." Can you think of more codes like this?

To reinforce your understanding, you can also create a mini-book with different 'ie' words in it. Write the word on one page and draw a picture that represents each word on the other page. You can make it colourful and fun!

Remember, when you see the letters 'ie' together, think of your detective role and say the /ee/ sound. Keep practising, and soon you'll be an expert in words with 'ie' that sound like /ee/!

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⑥ Match the definitions with the correct words!

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| the head or leader of a group or organization | 1 | field |
| a wide area of open land, often used for growing crops or raising animals | 2 | priest |
| a person who steals something from another person | 3 | chief |
| a daughter of one's brother or sister, or of one's brother-in-law or sister-in-law | 4 | thief |
| a religious leader or minister in some Christian churches | 5 | niece |

⑦ Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the list:

chief 2x field 2x niece 2x priest 1x thief 2x

The stole the jewels from the museum.

My aunt's daughter is my .

The farmer plows the in spring.

The of the tribe is the leader.

The stole a bag of apples from the market.

The at the church led the Sunday service.

Sarah is my ; she is my brother's daughter.

The of the police made important decisions.

The children played soccer in the behind the school.

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Words where 'ei' makes an /ee/ sound

Vocabulary: ceiling, receive, receipt, perceive, deceive

Today, we're going to learn about some tricky words where the letters 'ei' together make the /ee/ sound. These words may seem a bit puzzling at first, but don't worry! I'm here to help you understand them.

Let's start with an example: the word ceiling. You know that a ceiling is the top part of a room. When we say ceiling, we actually say the /ee/ sound, just like when we say the word see. You can think of the 'ei' in ceiling as a special team that works together to say the /ee/ sound.

Another word is receive. When you receive something, it means that you're given something. Just like in ceiling, the 'ei' in receive also works together to make the /ee/ sound. It's like a secret code that tells us how to say the word.

Lastly, we have the word receipt. A receipt is a piece of paper that tells us what we bought and how much it cost. Can you guess how we say the 'ei' in receipt? Yes, you're right! It also makes the /ee/ sound, just like in the other words we've learned.

Now, let's try to remember these words by using our imagination. Imagine you're in a room with a high ceiling, and someone gives you a gift. As you open the gift, you find a receipt inside. Can you see how the 'ei' makes the /ee/ sound in all these words? It's like a secret code that tells us how to say them.

To make practicing more fun, you could use flashcards with these words written on them. You can also create a small game where you match pictures of rooms or gifts with the correct word. This way, you'll be able to remember these special 'ei' words easily.

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⑧ Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the list:

ceiling (2x)

deceive (1x)

perceive (2x)

receipt (2x)

receive (1x)

The _____ in the room is painted blue.

I can _____ that the weather is getting colder.

After shopping, make sure to keep the _____.

Look up to see the stars on the _____.

Did you _____ my message?

He handed me the _____ for the items I bought.

Some people can _____ things that others can't.

Be careful not to _____ others with false information.

⑨ Find and circle following words: **ceiling**, **receive**, **receipt**, **perceive**, **deceive**.
They can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

K	V	S	S	A	G	R	H	D	K	H	N	R	D	L	I	C
N	R	W	C	U	E	C	E	O	Y	C	E	I	L	I	N	G
Z	E	Q	M	A	D	R	L	C	M	X	B	F	A	G	X	W
T	C	Y	C	Z	I	D	E	C	E	I	V	E	N	S	E	R
F	E	P	X	S	S	D	L	K	S	I	Y	Y	B	V	A	U
X	I	G	N	A	S	K	G	P	A	W	V	M	I	H	O	H
L	P	F	T	E	A	G	H	O	D	T	N	E	B	K	H	I
V	T	D	O	S	L	N	H	F	R	M	C	V	D	L	U	W
Q	C	V	L	W	A	S	D	X	Z	R	I	J	B	O	P	K
L	S	U	L	Q	N	S	I	E	E	O	S	D	I	O	N	V
J	U	L	W	C	Z	M	K	P	K	O	N	L	V	J	I	A

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Words where 'ea' makes an /ee/ sound

Vocabulary: each, peach, lead, leaf, real, speak, beach, jeans, east, dream, tea

Today we are going to learn about some special words that have a special sound! These are words where two letters, 'ea', come together to make an /ee/ sound.

Let's look at some examples:

Each: This word means "every one of a group." For example, if there are four apples and you give one apple to each of your friends, they all get one apple.

Peach: This is a yummy fruit that is kind of fuzzy on the outside and has a sweet inside. They are usually orange or pink.

Lead: This word can mean different things, but one meaning is a soft, heavy, gray metal. It's often used to make things like pipes or weights.

Leaf: You see leaves on trees and plants. They can be green, yellow, or even red during autumn.

Now, let's talk about the special way we pronounce these words. The letters 'ea' together make the sound /ee/, just like when you say the long /ee/ sound.

To help you remember this, think of the 'ea' as a team that always works together to make the /ee/ sound.

You could also create a visual aid with large cut-out letters 'e' and 'a' that can be placed side by side to form the word 'ea'. This can reinforce the idea that the letters work together and make the /ee/ sound.

To make it even more fun, you can create a game or a sorting activity where you ask your friends to find words with the 'ea' sound and sort them into a special category. This could be done using flashcards or even words written on paper that can be sorted into groups.

Remember, practice makes perfect, so try to use these words in your everyday conversation. This way, you'll become an expert at recognising and using words with the /ee/ sound correctly!

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⑩ Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the list:

beach dream each east jeans peach speak tea

The morning sun rises in the _____.

She had a wonderful _____ last night.

There's a beautiful _____ tree in the yard.

Please take _____ piece of fruit from the bowl.

Can you _____ up, please?

She wore her favorite blue _____.

It is time now to drink a hot _____.

The turtles are laying their eggs on the _____.

⑪ Unscramble the letters to form a word from the vocabulary list.

hcae - _____

pseak - _____

hcape - _____

bachc - _____

dael - _____

sanje - _____

fale - _____

tase - _____

lera - _____

mared - _____

⑫ Try to form a sentence with as many from the following words as possible:

each, peach, lead, leaf, real, speak, beach, jeans, east, dream, tea.

Read it out loud then!

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Words with the digraph 'ar'

Vocabulary: arm, card, car, dart, farm, garden, hard, jar, large, park, scarf, shark, star, yard

Let's explore a fun and interesting concept today. We are going to talk about words that have a special sound made by two letters together, called a digraph. The digraph we're focusing on today is 'ar'.

Now, imagine you are driving a car with your family. You can hear its noisy engine going "vroom, vroom" as it moves along. The word car has the 'ar' digraph in it. Can you say car?

Another word is jar. Have you seen a jar in your kitchen? It's a container with a lid that you can use to store things like yummy jam or cookies. It also has the 'ar' sound. Say jar with me.

Let's move to a bigger place now, like a park. When you go to the park, you can play on the swings, slide down the slide, and run around in the green spaces. The word park has the 'ar' sound too. Say park with me.

Now, let's think about something else. Can you picture your arm? It's the long part of your body that reaches out from your shoulder to your hand. When we say the word arm, we can hear the 'ar' sound again.

Here's another word – hard. Sometimes, something can be difficult to do or understand. When it's not easy, we might describe it as hard. Hard also has the 'ar' sound.

Lastly, think about a beautiful garden. Gardens have colorful flowers, tall trees, and maybe even a vegetable patch. When we say garden, we can hear the 'ar' sound once more.



Now, it's time for a little activity to help reinforce what we've learned. I will show you a picture, and you're going to tell me if it has the 'ar' sound or not. Are you ready? Display pictures of different objects, some with the 'ar' sound (e.g., car, jar) and some without (e.g., cat, dog). Students can raise their hands or give a thumbs up if the picture has the 'ar' sound.

Great job! You've learned that words like car, jar, park, arm, hard, and garden all have the special sound made by the 'ar' letters. Keep practising this sound, and you'll be able to spot it in other words too. Well done!

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⑬ Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the list:

arm garden large scarf

She wore a warm _____ around her neck in the cold.

We have a beautiful _____ full of flowers in our backyard.

The _____ truck pulled up to the construction site.

He hurt his _____ while playing basketball.

⑭ Find and circle following words: **arm, card, car, dart, farm, garden, hard, jar, large, park, scarf, shark, star, yard**. They can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

V	G	W	Z	Q	E	K	Q	U	O	P	C	T	D	P	C	Q
T	H	Z	Q	G	T	J	M	B	H	K	L	A	F	H	A	G
Q	Y	G	R	S	G	S	B	G	M	C	N	V	R	M	R	E
H	Z	A	V	E	M	C	V	E	T	J	S	L	L	D	Q	K
D	L	G	I	Q	I	A	I	S	F	E	W	H	O	I	D	K
C	Q	J	D	D	G	R	C	V	A	G	M	K	A	H	W	S
J	E	Y	M	O	M	F	M	T	R	T	J	H	Q	R	H	J
P	A	M	X	Y	P	U	I	T	M	O	H	M	A	G	K	B
A	M	X	Q	Y	I	R	C	L	M	L	R	S	B	R	N	S
R	W	F	T	D	A	U	I	A	F	A	Y	D	I	E	D	D
K	X	A	U	T	B	X	M	P	T	K	R	A	D	B	X	K
O	F	H	S	Y	T	O	J	R	O	A	P	R	Y	R	G	Z
M	U	A	D	J	A	R	F	J	Y	C	A	I	D	U	J	F
H	X	G	A	Q	L	R	X	W	D	G	G	F	A	J	Z	C
C	Z	P	C	A	R	T	C	W	L	C	V	W	R	X	J	H
D	F	W	K	J	Q	P	Y	G	Z	Y	J	M	T	A	I	N

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Words with the digraph 'er'

Vocabulary: verb, her, term, germ, fern, term, serve, herb

Let's think about some more special letters that come together to make a special sound. One of these special letter pairs is 'er'. When the letters 'e' and 'r' are together in a word, they make a sound that is different from 'e' or 'r' by themselves.

The sound /**ur**/ as in hurt is a special vowel sound in English. When you say words like turn, curl, or nurse, your mouth is a bit open, and your tongue is in the middle, not touching the roof of your mouth. You make a sound that's not quite /**er**/ and not quite /**or**/, and you don't really say the 'r' at the end. It's like saying 'hur' in hurt without rolling the 'r'. Practice with these words to get better at it!

Here are some examples of words that have the /**er**/ sound:

Verb – This is a special kind of word that shows action. When you talk about doing something, like running, jumping, or singing, you use a verb. It's pronounced /**vɜːb**/, where the 'e' sounds like the /**ur**/ in hurt but without rolling the 'r', and the 'b' comes at the end.

Her – This word is used when you talk about a girl or a woman. For example, you could say, "Her name is Lily." It's pronounced /**hɜːr**/, where it sounds like 'hur' in hurt, again without the rolling 'r'.

Term – This word is all about school! In school, we have different parts of the year called terms, like the autumn term, spring term, and summer term. It's pronounced /**tɜːm**/, where the 'e' sounds like the /**ur**/ in hurt, omitting the /**r**/ sound, and ending with 'm'.

Just remember, when you see the letters 'er' together in a word, they make a special sound. It's like a secret code!



Make a word poster: Choose a word with the 'er' sound and create a colorful poster with the word, its meaning, and some illustrations. Hang your poster in your room or classroom, and share it with your friends or family.

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(15) Fill in the blanks with the following words: **her, fern, verb, germ**.

I caught a from my friend at school.

"Run" is an action .

The has large and beautiful leaves.

She washed hands before eating.

(16) Match the definitions with the correct words!

herb	1	<input type="radio"/>	a pronoun used to refer to a woman or female animal
serve	2	<input type="radio"/>	a word or phrase used to describe a thing or to express a concept
fern	3	<input type="radio"/>	a microorganism, especially one that causes disease
germ	4	<input type="radio"/>	a plan or a plant with leaves, seeds, or flowers used for flavoring, food, medicine, or perfume for achieving a particular goal
term	5	<input type="radio"/>	to perform duties or services for another person or an organization
her	6	<input type="radio"/>	a flowerless plant that has feathery or leafy fronds and reproduces by spores released from the undersides of the fronds
verb	7	<input type="radio"/>	a word that expresses an action, occurrence, or state of being

(17) Unscramble the letters to form a word from the vocabulary list.

berv: _____

nref: _____

mret: _____

vesre: _____

grem: _____

breh: _____

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Words with the digraph 'ir'

Vocabulary: bird, blur, circle, dirt, flirt, first, girl, hurt, shirt, skirt, stir, third, twirl, whirl

When 'ir' comes together in a word, it makes a special sound, like we hear in bird, shirt, and stir. Let's explore these words to understand them better.

First, we have the word bird. A bird is an animal with feathers that can fly. For example, you might say, "I saw a bird flying in the sky." The sound in bird is like the 'ir' in stir or twirl. So, 'bird' sounds like /berd/.

Next is the word shirt. A shirt is something you wear. Can you picture putting on your favorite shirt? When we say shirt, it has the 'ir' sound, which is like the 'er' in her. So, 'shirt' sounds like /shert/.

Now, let's think about stir. Stir is what you do when you mix something around, like when you stir your hot chocolate. The 'ir' in stir gives us the same sound as in bird. So, 'stir' sounds like /ster/.

Lastly, we have the word skirt. A skirt is a type of clothing that hangs down from the waist. Wearing a skirt can make you feel dressed up. The 'ir' in skirt sounds just like it does in 'first'. So, skirt sounds like /skert/.

To help us remember these words, we can think of some fun activities. We can use puzzles or word cards with the words from the vocabulary above. You can match the picture with the correct word, or you can even draw your own pictures for these words.

Now, let's practice saying our new words. Repeat after me: bird, shirt, stir, and skirt. Great job!

Remember, 'ir' is just one of many sounds that come from two letters being together. Discovering more about these combinations will help you get even better at reading and writing. Keep practicing!

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(18) Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the list:

bird skirt stir third

The little _____ sang a beautiful song.

She wore a pretty _____ and twirled around.

This is my _____ time visiting the zoo.

Let's _____ the ingredients to make soup.

(19) Draw a line to match the words that rhyme:

bird ● ○ stir

flirt ● ○ shirt

blur ● ○ dirt

hurt ● ○ whirl

girl ● ○ skirt

(20) Fill in the blanks with following words: circle, flirt, twirl, shirt, girl, dirt, whirl, blur, first, hurt

One sunny afternoon, a young _____ decided to _____ and _____ in her backyard, wearing her favorite _____. As she spun around, her vision started to _____, making the whole world seem like a giant _____. Suddenly, she lost her balance and, with a small _____ with the ground, she fell into a patch of _____, which was soft from the morning rain. Feeling a bit of _____ from the fall, she was the _____ to laugh at herself, brushing off the _____ and standing up. She decided it was time to head back inside, thinking that maybe spinning too much wasn't such a good idea after all. But the joy of that moment, the freedom of the _____, would stay with her for a long time.

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Words with the digraph 'or'

Vocabulary: for, door, error, cord, sport, score, story, fork, corn, horn, storm, sort, born, worn

Today, we are going to learn about a very special group of words. These words have a special sound in them, made by two letters together. These two letters are 'o' and 'r'. When they come together, they make a sound called a digraph, and it sounds like /or/.

Let's practise saying it together: /or/. Can you say it with me? Good job!

Now, let's look at some examples of words with the digraph 'or':

For: This word means giving something to someone. For example, you can say, "I made a card for my friend's birthday."

Door: This word is something we use to go into and out of a room. For example, you can say, "Please close the door when you leave."

Storm: This word means a lot of rain, wind, or both happening at once. For example, you can say, "The storm was so loud last night that it kept me awake."

Error: This word means making a mistake. For example, you can say, "I made an error in my spelling test, but I'll try harder next time."

Now, let me give you an analogy to help you remember these words. Imagine the /or/ sound is like a big, open door. When you come across a word with the 'or' digraph, imagine a door in your mind, opening wide to let in that sound.

To make it even more fun, we can play a little game using these words! I will say a word, and you have to tell me if it has the /or/ sound or not. For example, if I say floor, you can say "yes" because it has the /or/ sound.

To reinforce your understanding, you can also create your own 'or' word list. Draw a picture of each word and write the word beside it. Then, you can decorate your list with colours and shapes. This will help you remember the words better.

Remember, the digraph 'or' is like a door that opens to let in that special sound. Keep practising, and soon you'll be using these words with the /or/ sound like an expert!

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(21) Fill in the blanks with the following words: **score, story, sort, cord, sport**:

The _____ of the game was tied until the last minute.

She told us a scary _____ before bedtime.

Please _____ the papers into two piles.

I need to charge my phone; I forgot the _____.

The _____ team won the championship.

(22) Draw a line to match the words that rhyme:

born ●	○ sore
corn ●	○ horn
sport ●	○ worn
score ●	○ door
for ●	○ cord

(23) Find and circle following words: **door, error, cord, sport, score, story, fork, corn, horn, storm, sort, born, worn**. They can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

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T	L	W	W	R	W	O	S	X	O	O	V	R	S	A	O	T
D	R	O	S	P	N	Y	R	C	U	B	R	W	Y	M	R	M
C	V	R	Z	K	P	F	S	T	V	C	R	K	B	N	N	K
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2.1 Alternative Vowels

Words with the digraph 'ur'

Vocabulary: turn, burn, nurse, purse, curl, hurt, church, surf, blur, fur, burst

Today, we are going to explore words that have a special sound made by two letters together, which we call a digraph. Specifically, we're looking at words with the /ur/ sound. This sound happens when 'u' and 'r' team up in a word.

First up, let's talk about the word turn. Think about when you spin or rotate something; that action is to turn. Saying turn feels like saying "tern" but with the /ur/ sound. Let's try it together. Nice work!

Next, we have burn. Imagine touching something hot and it stings; that's to burn. When we say burn, it sounds a bit like turn or fur with the /ur/ sound in the middle. Give it a go. Fantastic!

Another word is nurse. A nurse is someone who helps take care of sick people. When we say nurse, it's like her or fern with our special /ur/ sound. Can you say it? Great job!

And don't forget about purse. A purse is a small bag where you can keep money. Saying purse uses the /ur/ sound, almost like bird or stir but with 'ur'. Try saying it. Excellent!

For a fun activity, let's do a word hunt for 'ur' words. I'll show you some pictures, and you guess the word with the /ur/ sound that matches. For example, if you see a picture of someone caring for a patient, you might guess nurse.

Remember, the /ur/ sound can pop up in many words, and it sounds like the 'ur' in turn, burn, nurse, and purse. Keep listening for it, and you'll soon be great at spotting these words. Enjoy discovering more 'ur' words and using them in your speaking and writing!

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(24) Draw a line to match the words that rhyme:

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| blur ● | <input type="radio"/> nurse |
| curl ● | <input type="radio"/> whirl |
| purse ● | <input type="radio"/> fur |
| burst ● | <input type="radio"/> burn |
| surf ● | <input type="radio"/> turf |
| turn ● | <input type="radio"/> worst |

(25) Fill in the blanks with the following words: **purse, turn, nurse, burn**

She carries her money in her _____.

Please _____ off the lights when you leave.

The _____ took care of the sick patients.

Be careful not to _____ yourself on the hot stove.

(26) Match the definitions with the correct words!

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| curl ● | <input type="radio"/> a small bag used for carrying money |
| surf ● | <input type="radio"/> to form into a spiral or circular shape |
| fur ● | <input type="radio"/> to break open suddenly and violently |
| turn ● | <input type="radio"/> to ride on the waves on a board |
| hurt ● | <input type="radio"/> to cause pain or injury |
| purse ● | <input type="radio"/> to rotate or change direction |
| church ● | <input type="radio"/> a building used for Christian worship |
| nurse ● | <input type="radio"/> a healthcare professional who cares for the sick or injured |
| burn ● | <input type="radio"/> the thick hair that covers the skin of many animals |
| burst ● | <input type="radio"/> to make or become unclear or less distinct |
| blur ● | <input type="radio"/> to be consumed by fire or feel a sensation of heat |