

Double oo Sound = Long u

too hoot boom spook troop proof
zoo soon room spoon swoop groom
food cool zoom noon goose school
root fool toot broom droop moose
hoof pool loot coop loose tooth
goof stool loop hoop shoot booth
roof mood moon boot bloom smooth

Ideas:

- List all of the verbs. Add **ed** and **ing** to as many as possible. Make a list of the irregular verbs that change form entirely.
- Use antonyms and synonyms in sentences.

ANTONYMS

smooth bumpy
plump slim
fast slow
hot cold
open close

SYNONYMS

bumpy lumpy
slim thin
fast speedy
cold chilly
close near

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

1. Will Tommy see a goose riding a moose at the zoo?
2. Will a rooster, sleeping in his coop, wake up and hoot at the moon if his tooth is loose?
3. Can a raccoon ride in a balloon if his dad is not with him?
4. Can a child give proof that it is cool to stay in school?
5. If Bobby goofs off in school, will he fool his teacher?
6. Is a broom a tool that a child can use?
7. Can plants bloom in the spring?
8. If it's hot, will kids stay cool in a pool?
9. Can a child in 1st grade groom a sheep with a wire brush?
10. If a spooky kite is stuck up on the roof at school, will kids shoot at it with a sling shot?

Double oo Sound

good	book	rook	wool
hood	cook	took	foot
wood	hook	brook	soot
stood	look	crook	root
hoof	nook	shook	

Ideas:

- Find a category for some of these **oo** words.

PERSONS PLACES THINGS ACTION DESCRIBING

- Write sentences for these antonyms.

good	bad
stood	sat

- Write sentences for the past and present tense of these words.

take	took
took	gave
stand	stood
shake	shook

- Use for vocabulary words: hoof, nook, rook, soot
- Introduce these compound words: hotdog, seashell, sunshine, dishsoap, snowflake, bluebird.

Note: Although many of the compound words given in these pages are not in the dictionary, my research shows that because the language is evolving so quickly, they may be acceptable.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is it good if a child likes to look at books and read them?
2. Did Red Riding Hood get lost in the woods or on the moon?
3. Will Buddy's foot get cold if he took off his sock and it is chilly in the room?
4. A brook is like a stream, but not big. If a child took a pole with a string and a hook to a brook, will he be able to snag a whale?
5. Will a moose use his hoofs to dig up roots in the snow if he needs food?
6. Can Billy have roots in a state, if he lived in that state a long time?
7. If Mom is a good cook, will kids like to eat a lot of food?
8. If Tommy told Wendy that the moon is blue, will she look and see?
9. Can dad use a cookbook to make a meal?

R Controlled Vowels ar = car

bar	mar	start	lard	guard	party
par	bark	stark	barn	scarf	starch
tar	dark	shark	dam	sharp	March
art	hark	Carl	yarn	smart	garden
jar	lark	arch	hard	carve	starve
are	mark	farm	card	charm	sparkle
arm	park	yard	tart	parch	carpet
car	dart	star	Bart	spark	market
far	cart	harp	part	Clark	startle

Ideas:

- Write sentences using these contractions:

We are not = We aren't

We are = We're

They are = They're

You are = You're

- Use far, farther, and farthest in sentences.
- Add **er** and **est** to smart, hard, dark, and sharp. Look back in the book and find other words that you can add these endings to. Make a chart.
- Introduce these compound words: rainbow, raincoat, cartwheel, barnyard, starship, starfish, handlebars.

Open for Discussion

1. If Carl is just nine, is he able to rake leaves in a garden?
2. If a dog barks in the dark at cars in the alley, will more dogs start barking in the yards next door?
3. Can a star fit in a jar?
4. Is Go Fish a hard card game for a kid?
5. Is Clark Kent the name of a man in the film *Superman*?
6. Can a shark bark like a dog if it has a leash with a bell on its neck?
7. Are stars and sparkles the same?
8. If yarn is like thick fuzzy string, will kids use it to hang stars up in the class room?
9. If it's dark in the park, is it safe to play on the slide and swings?
10. If Bart is a star, will he sparkle?

R Controlled Vowels or=or

or	fork	corn	horse
for	pork	horn	fort
cord	stork	worn	port
Ford	form	torn	sort
lord	born	thorn	short
cork	storm	mom	north

Ideas:

- Add **er** and **est** to short.
- Continue to look for unknown words and use them in vocabulary games.
- Introduce or review these compound words:

rainbow	raincoat	seashell
cartwheel	barnyard	starship
railroad	goldfish	starfish
airmail	armchair	handlebars
bluebird	hotdog	dishsoap
snowflake	sunshine	
popcorn	babysitter	

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can a babysitter make popcorn?
2. If “morn” is short for morning, like a nickname; is “fort” short for fortress? (A fortress is a safe spot that can close its big gates.)
3. Will a bluebird be in a barnyard?
4. If a puppy is born on a day that there is a storm and it is raining hard, can kids name it Stormy?
5. Is a thorn sharp like a pin or a nail?
6. Will a map have a part that is north?
7. Cord is like thick string; will a man use it to tie a horse to a gate?
8. If a rocket ship is in orbit, is it in space?
9. If a book is torn, can a child get tape and fix it?
10. Can a baby eat with a fork?

R Controlled Vowels er, ir, ur = her

	er			ir
herd	matter	rubber		bird hair
jerk	gather	summer		third pair
clerk	enter	number		girl stair
fern	clever	supper		twirl their
her	sister	whisper		sir dirt
were	serve	ladder		stir shirt
paper	dinner	eager		air thirst
verse	silver	beaver		fair birth
after	river	scatter		dirty chirp
rather	winter	glitter		ur
			purr	curl turtle
			hurt	burn further
Ideas:			hurry	turn purple
			curve	burp nurse

□ Adding **er** to some words, turns them into the person that does an action. Look on all of the pages to find words that will follow this rule. Make a chart like this: garden + er = gardener;

□ Use **their** and **there** in sentences.

□ Use these compound words: butterfly, afternoon, riverboat, paperclip, etc.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

1. If sister has silver glitter and it gets on Dad's shirt, will the shirt shine?
2. If a beaver is eager, will it cut up branches with its teeth and make a dam?
3. If Dad has dirt on his shirt, will it matter if he is just going to work on his car?
4. Is it OK if kids take turns and burp after dinner?
5. After supper, can Mom sit in a soft chair and read a paper?
6. Is it OK if my sister whispers a joke at the dinner table?
7. Can a girl, on her third twirl, fly up in the air if she is on skates?
8. Will a river freeze in the winter if it gets very cold in that state?
9. Can a turtle purr, bark, or chirp like a bird?

Soft C =S

with long vowels

face
lace
mace
pace
place
trace
space
brace
excite

dice
lice
mice
rice
vice
price
slice
twice
peace

with short vowels

city
palace
prince
princess
dance
glance
chance
prance
cent
since

with r control

force
circus
circle
service

Ideas:

- Write sentences for these irregular verbs.

swim - swam
stand - stood
do - did

go - went
send - sent
take - took

- Write sentences for these synonyms.

dice cube
peace quiet
glance look
scent smell

chance turn
price cost
city town
circle globe

- Introduce these compound words: spaceship, ricecake, squaredance, serviceman.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

1. Will the princess like it in the palace?
2. Will the prince ask the princess more than twice for a dance?
3. Will the dress of the princess have lace and silver on it?
4. Can mice live in a palace if the king has lots of cats?
5. Can the mice force the cats to make peace with them?
6. If the sink in the palace has a leak, will the princess fix it with her own tools?
7. Can cats force mice to eat rice?
8. Can a prince give a princess a bracelet?
9. If mice in the palace service, prance in a circle, will the prince mind?
10. If it costs ten cents to get in the circus, can we pay the price?

Soft G =J

with long vowels

age	wage
cage	stage
page	change
rage	grange
sage	mange
	range

with short vowels

edge	hinge
pledge	magic
wedge	imagine
cabbage	engine
baggage	judge
binge	gentle
gem	

with r control

charge
large
George
orange

mixed rules

giant
ginger
giraffe
passenger
messenger

Ideas:

- Use large, larger, and largest in a sentence.
- Use synonyms: giant - large, wage - pay, imagine - think.
- Use edge and middle as antonyms.
- Use as adjectives: orange, large, giant, gentle, silver, purple, short, torn, smart, hard, dark, sharp, wool, wood, good, cool, dry, sly, shady, sandy, angry, happy, easy, very, empty, silly, fluffy, dusty, funny, muddy, lonely, dirty, gray, stray, mean, clean, pure, blue, gold, cold, old, lime, white, ripe, green, free, steep, tame, fake.
- To which of the above adjectives can you add er and est?
- Introduce these compound words: birdcage, gentleman, gingersnap.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

1. If a child, age twelve, is gentle with a strange bird in a cage, will the bird change from wild to tame?
2. Is Judge Judy acting on a stage?
3. If a green giant joins the Boy Scouts will he say a pledge, too?
4. Is George Large a good name for a giant?
5. Will magic change a cabbage into an orange?
6. Will gingersnaps taste good with milk?
7. If a big kid takes a little kid piggyback, is the little kid a passenger?
8. Is a bug a passenger on a leaf floating in a pond?
9. Can a giant keep a giraffe as a pet if he has a big palace and lots of grass and trees in his back yard?
10. Will little kids have a charge card?

Vowel Sound of ow - ou = out

ow

bow down
cow gown
how town
now clown
sow crown
wow frown
plow drown
owl crowd
fowl power
growl tower
prowl flower
 shower

ou

loud mount
cloud count
proud out
house mouse
found shout
ground pout
pound scout
round south
sound mouth
wound ouch
our pouch
sour thousand
bounce flour

Ideas:

- Use found and find in sentences.
- Use these antonyms in sentences: loud - quiet, found - lost, ground - air, out - in, south - north, pout - smile, shout - whisper, sour - sweet, ours - theirs, sounds - silence, round - square, down-up.
- Use these synonyms in sentences: plow-dig, fowl - bird, growl - hiss, house-hut, gown-dress, frown-pout, crowd-gang, loud-noisy.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

1. If an owl is a fowl, if a fowl a bird?
2. Will a thousand mice make a loud sound while eating cheese at the same time?
3. If a large gray cloud is floating over a town, is it dark outside?
4. Can a mouse growl?
5. If kids found a round plastic thing on the ground, must it be a Frisbee?
6. If a gown is a dress, is a night gown a night dress?
7. Can first graders count to a thousand?
8. Will the prince of clowns have a crown made of flowers?
9. Is “how now brown cow” like “down town brown clown”?
10. Is a frown a smile turned upside down?

Vowel Sound of oi - oy

oi

oy

oil	soil	noise	boy	joy
boil	broil	spoil	Roy	toy
coil	coin	join	loyal	royal
foil	voice	choice	annoy	enjoy
void	point	joint	destroy	

Ideas:

- Some plurals are not formed with **s** or **es**, but get an entirely new word. Write sentences for these words. Example:

mouse - mice

child - children

man - men

woman - women

foot - feet

tooth - teeth

goose - geese

- Use as adjectives: down, loud, round, sour, our.
- Which of the above adjectives can you add **er** and **est** to?
- Use these compound words in sentences: mousetrap, outhouse, sunflower, downtown, grownup, roundup, groundhog, stagecoach, birdcage, gingersnap, ricecake.
- Introduce prepositions: out, in, under, over, between, on, next to, beyond, near, beside, around, above

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can boys and girls have a choice of cake or meat for dinner?
2. If Dad gives a boy a toy is it so he can destroy it?
3. If a dollar is a bill, is a dime a coin?
4. If a child works hard, gets good grades, and helps his mom, is he a spoiled child?
5. Can a ten-year-old boy join the army and march with men?
6. Did Mom ever say, "Do not point at things and make a face"?
7. Is joy a thing that every body will like to get and keep for ever?
8. If kids chat a lot and make noise while a boy is thinking, will it be annoying?
9. Will a baby point to tell Mom and Dad his choice?
10. Is loyal the same as faithful?

Vowel Sound of au - aw = Short o

au

aunt pause
launch auto
fault August
haunt author
sauce

aw

law jaw paw
raw saw claw
draw straw thaw
crawl hawk awful
yawn lawn

Ideas:

- Use saw-see in sentences.
- Some words are often written in an abbreviated form. Identify them and use them in a sentence. All but CA and Miss have a period.

CA--L.A.--U.S.A.--St.--Ave.--a.m.--p.m.--Dr.--Mr.--Mrs.--Ms.--Miss
N.--S.--E.--W.--Mon.--Tue.--Wed.--Thurs.--Fri.--Sat.--Sun.

Jan.--Feb.--Mar.--Apr.--Jun.--Jul.--Aug.--Sept.--Oct.--Nov.--Dec.

- Write a note to the principal and tell him that you know which months and days that you come to school, and which months and days are your vacation. Use all abbreviated forms.
- Practice writing parents' and other adults' names using Mr. and Mrs. Practice writing own name using Mr. or Miss.
- Introduce addressing of envelopes and memorizing of address.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is a paw like a foot for a dog and a cat ?
2. Can a child have claws and sharp teeth?
3. Is it good to eat meat raw?
4. Is it the law that a kid must tell things that he saw if asked by the police?
5. Is it the cat's fault if a mouse got in the house?
6. If a boy scout found a baby hawk on the ground will he make a loud noise and scare it?
7. If milk got sour because it sat for one hour in the hot sun will mom throw it down the drain?
8. Will a baby try to run before it can crawl?
9. If my aunt will be the author of a child's art book can she ask me to draw for it?
10. Will nice sauce make food taste good?

Sound of ew - ou - ui = Long u

ew

new mew
few dew
crew ewe
chew blew
grew stew
flew drew
threw flew
curfew

ou

tour
you
soup
youth
wound
troupe
group

ui

fruit
juice
cruise
suit

Ideas:

- Write the initials for all of your classmates or everyone that you know.
- Use these irregular verbs in sentences

Present

Past

grow grew
fly flew
wind wound
draw drew

Present

Past

find found
am was
hear heard
blow blew

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

1. If a bunch of boy scouts is a troupe, is it a youth group too?
2. If we got a few new youths on our crew, did we get more kids to help sail the boat?
3. You flew on a plane and then took a cruise, so did you get back in just five days?
4. Curfew means that kids will be back in the house by a time that Mom and Dad told them. So, if ten o'clock is a good curfew for twelfth graders, is five o'clock a good curfew for first graders?
5. Will Mom and Dad tell kids, chew your food good before you swallow?
6. If kids are able to chew gum in school, will a few drop it on the ground and stick it under the tables?
7. If a kid that is ten years old gets a new sister, must the sister be a baby?
8. Is straw made out of grass that has been cut and is now dry?

K Words That Kids Might Use

Students always ask if a word starts with a **c** or a **k**. By showing them this page, they will see that there are only a few words that begin with letter **k**.

kiss	keep	key	ketchup	knit
kick	kept	kind	kangaroo	know
king	kitten	kit	kitchen	kite
knock	knot	knife	knight	knee

K STORY

King Ming kept a baby kangaroo and a kitten in his very big kitchen. Kangaroo snooped in the cupboards and found ketchup which he tasted. He gave kitten a taste too, but it slipped and went in kitten's face. King found his pets in a big mess, so he got a key and locked the ketchup up in the cupboard.

When King Ming had left, Kangaroo kicked at the cupboard but it did not open so he kept on kicking. Then kitten found the key and gave it to kangaroo. Kangaroo likes ketchup a lot and gave kitten a big kiss, But when King came in, he tied Kangaroo up on a rope. King Ming is kind, but K and K made a big mess.

Next, King will take them outside and let them fly a kite. He thinks that it will be the key to keep them happy and out of a big mess.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION true or false

1. King Ming likes ketchup.
2. Kangaroo and Kitten like to fly kites.
3. Kitten kicks at the cupboard.
4. Kangaroo thinks that king was kind.
5. King kissed Kitten.
6. Kangaroo acts bad when he can not get any ketchup.
7. K and K = Kitten and Kangaroo.
8. King has ketchup on his nice new shirt.

Ideas:

□ Write sentences for keep - kept.

□ Introduce these compound words:

keepsake	kickball	pinpoint	*nightlight
*thumbtack	*crumbcake	*eggyolk	*highchair
*highwire *	doorlatch *	doorknob	
dewdrops	seesaw	jigsaw	voicemail

*have silent letters, covered on next page

Silent Letter Families

gh	t	l	h
bought	often	could	oh
fought	listen	would	ache
caught	fasten	half	herb
neighbor	soften	calf	hour
daughter	moisten	talk	honor
straight	catch	chalk	ghost
taught	stretch	folk	rhyme
high	whistle	yolk	exhibit
fight	switch	palm	honest
light	pitch	calm	
might	batch	salmon	k
night	patch	b	knee
right	hatch	lamb	knife
sight	latch	doubt	kneel
tight	match	comb	knock
bright	butcher	debt	knob
slight		numb	know
brought		thumb	knot
eight		crumb	knight

Silent Letter Families

w	w like silent e	d
write	hollow	bridge
wring	narrow	badge
wrap	fellow	budget
wreck	follow	Wednesday
wrist	pillow	
wreath	below	g
wrong	window	length
wrote	slow	sign
wrath	yellow	gnaw
answer	low	
whole	bow	
bowl	flow	

Ideas:

- When dictating these as spelling words, have students underline the silent letter in red.
- Use these antonyms : new-old, few-many, you-me.
- Use these synonyms in sentences: new-clean, few-little, crew-team, flew-zoomed, wound-cut, troupe-group, tour-trip.

Irregular Double Vowels

ea = e

steady
head
bread
spread
heavy
read
dead
health
ready
instead
feather
meant
breakfast
heaven
weather
thread
pleasant
breath

ai = i

certain
captain
bargain

ea=a

steak
break
bear
great

ei = e

ceiling
either
neither
seize

ie=e

field
piece
thief
chief
grief
fierce

ei=a

rein
eight
weight
sleigh
freight

ou=U

cousin
*serious
*curious
famous
*delicious
dangerous

*rule breakers

- Discuss the irregular vowel combinations. Practice reading them.

Ideas:

- Put these on flash cards to make matching games:

ANTONYMS

1. steady - shaky
2. heavy - light
3. dead - living
4. healthy -sick
5. pleasant -unpleasant
6. heaven -hell
7. certain - uncertain
8. great-tiny
9. break - fix
10. piece- whole
11. believe -doubt
12. grief -joy
13. fierce -gentle
14. friend - enemy
15. dangerous -safe
16. delicious - horrible
17. enough - lacking
18. famous-unknown
19. serious -silly
20. build - destroy

SYNONYMS

- steady - firm
- head - leader
- heavy - weighty
- ready - able
- pleasant - cheerful
- meadow - field
- heaven - peace
- certain - positive
- captain - leader
- bargain- sale
- great - super
- break - split
- people - folks
- friend - pal
- guest- visitor
- guess - wonder
- cousin - relative
- enough - plenty
- chief - leader
- piece - fraction

Other Common Letter Groups

a=o

ball
call
fall
hall
mall
tall
stall
small
salt
malt
walk
talk

ph=f

alphabet
elephant
gopher
graph
Joseph
nephew
orphan
trophy
Ralph
telephone
dolphin
photograph

tion=shun

lotion
motion
donation
invention
mention
notion
situation
station
vacation
invitation
fiction
fraction
convention
conversation
attention

gh=f

cough
enough
laugh
rough
tough

able

vegetable
dependable
peaceable
acceptable
reliable

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

1. If Joseph is Ralph's nephew, and can not write his alphabet yet, will Ralph be able to take him on a vacation to take photographs of elephants and gophers?
2. If Joseph did go with his uncle, but while at the airport he threw a small ball and it got lost in a long hall, will Joseph be able to find it if he is not very tall?

3. If Joseph eats all of his vegetables, while on vacation with Ralph, will his uncle call his house on the telephone and mention it to his Mom and Dad and give him lots of attention?
4. If, while on vacation, Joseph and Ralph get into a tough situation, will Ralph laugh and say, "Let's tough it out and not fall down and cry"?
5. If Joseph gets the notion that he is home sick, will his uncle try to get him to laugh and get a good conversation going?
6. Will Ralph make a donation to the club that is trying to save gophers that are getting trampled by elephants, if Joseph has just found three and has made pets out of them?
7. While on vacation, and sitting in a tent in the jungle, will Ralph try and teach Joseph that graphs are just a small part of math?
8. If Joseph is just three years old, can he have a small invention?

9. Will Joseph rather play with his three gophers or a neighbor's Play Station?
10. After his trip, will Ralph send Joseph another invitation to help him take photographs?
11. If Joseph goes on the next trip and shakes a lot of salt on a small gopher will it be able to walk?
12. Will Joseph be glad to go on the next trip if Ralph will be at a ten-hour convention and gophers can not get in?
13. Can elephants and gophers live together in a peaceable and acceptable location with dolphins, if Joseph says so?
14. If you get the notion to join them, and you laugh enough in tough situations, will Ralph make a motion that you be awarded a trophy?
15. If you were to see a fraction of the action that Joseph and Ralph saw, will you be able to give reliable information about vacations for orphans?

More Common Letter Groups

ch=k

school

stomach

chrome

ache

anchor

chemist

chorus

monarch

scheme

echo

Christmas

orchestra

chord

choir

orchid

ion=yun

onion

union

million

stallion

opinion

champion

billion

grunion

rebellion

battalion

sure=shur

sure

measure

treasure

pleasure

assure

pressure

composure

exposure

ture=chur

furniture

capture

culture

nature

mixture

adventure

Open for Discussion:

1. If City Terrace School choir and orchestra students, who enjoy nature, on Christmas vacation, are looking for an adventure, could they dig for long lost treasure?
2. If while digging at the beach, one of their choir found grunion in the sand, instead of a million gold coins, would they still have the opinion that they should keep digging?
3. If one of the students gets a stomach ache will his friends pressure him into eating an onion in the hopes that it will make him feel better?
4. If the kids that are in the orchestra took their instruments along with their digging tools, will they assure the group that they all need musical pleasure and play a mixture of songs from different cultures?

5. Would kids in the group think that it was a good idea to make a scheme and capture the wild Black Stallion in hopes that it could be hitched to a chrome plow and help them dig?
6. If some of the orchestra ventured out in nature to measure the giant orchids and twenty billion monarch butterflies followed them, would the sky turn so dark that they would not be able to see?
7. If the adventurers in the mountains called across the valley to the students on the beach who were still digging, might they hear an echo?
8. Would you rather measure treasure or capture nature in photographs?
9. Would you rather sing in the choir or play an instrument in the orchestra?
10. Is the Black Stallion a champion?