

Lesson 4: Vowels Before *r*

Spelling Words

1. roar
2. apart
3. reward
4. worse
5. turtle
6. nightmare
7. burnt
8. curb
9. purse
10. declare
11. scarce
12. inserts
13. sparkling
14. source
15. nervous
16. warrant

Your Own Words

Look for other words that have a vowel before *r* to add to the lists. You might read about *Mars* and *Mercury* in a science article. You might see *stars* and *planetarium* at a science museum.

17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Each Spelling Word has a vowel sound followed by *r*: /är/, /âr/, /ûr/, or /ôr/. Look at the Spelling Words to see how these vowel sounds are spelled.

Say the Spelling Words to yourself, and sort them into four groups according to their vowel sounds.

**/ÄR/
start**

**/ÂR/
stare**

**/ÛR/
lurch**

**/ÔR/
soar**

- The /är/ sound is usually spelled *ar*.
- The /âr/ sound may be spelled *ar* or *are*.
- The /ûr/ sound may be spelled *ur*, *or*, or *er*.
- The /ôr/ sound may be spelled *oar*, *ar*, or *our*.

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SPELLING CLUES: Comparing Spellings When you proofread, look for words that may be misspelled. If you rewrite the word in another way, you can often see which spelling is correct.

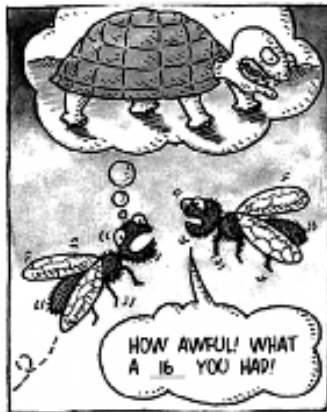
Look at the two possible spellings in each pair. Write the spelling that looks correct. Use the Spelling Dictionary if you need help.

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| 1. aprot apart | 4. purse perse |
| 2. insurts inserts | 5. declare declair |
| 3. scearce scarce | 6. cirb curb |

PROOFREADING 7–11. Proofread this phone message. Circle the misspelled words, and write the correct spelling of each.

Your source on the cargo plane story called. He says there was a small fire when the plane landed, but only part of the craft birnt. Both pilots say the damage could have been much wors. Now they're nervous, though, because they've heard there might be a warrent for their arrest. Also, your source wants to know if he will get a reword for the information he's providing.

FUN WITH WORDS Write Spelling Words to replace 12–16.



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