

Lesson 13: Unstressed Endings /ər/, /əl/, /ən/

Spelling Words

1. *reader* _____
2. *speaker* _____
3. *larger* _____
4. *American* _____
5. *beaten* _____
6. *musical* _____
7. *rotten* _____
8. *German* _____
9. *Indian* _____
10. *Roman* _____
11. *explorer* _____
12. *stretcher* _____
13. *critical* _____
14. *criminal* _____
15. *political* _____
16. *original* _____

Your Own Words

As you read and write, look for other words that end with the sounds /ər/, /əl/, and /ən/, and add them to the lists. You may read *comical* or *writer* in a biography. When might you use the word *Mexican* or *financial*?

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

Each Spelling Word ends with the sounds /ər/, /əl/, or /ən/. These sounds always occur in an unaccented syllable of a word.

Sort the Spelling Words into three lists, according to the sound of their endings.

teacher

theatrical

African

The sounds /ər/, /əl/, or /ən/ occur in an unaccented syllable, usually at the end of a word. The sound /ər/ is usually spelled *er*. The sound /əl/ is often spelled *al*. The sound /ən/ is usually spelled *an* or *en*.

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SPELLING CLUES: Best-Guess Spelling Sometimes when you write, you may not want to stop to check the spelling of a word. If you are unsure of a spelling, write the word, using your best guess, and make a check mark above the word. Later, you can verify the spelling of the words you have marked.

Write these best-guess words correctly.

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| 1. Americun | 4. Germun |
| 2. pollitical | 5. crinnal |
| 3. reder | 6. exsplorer |

PROOFREADING 7–12. Proofread this note. Circle the misspelled words, and write each word correctly.

What rottion luck! My orignal idea was to help our baseball team avoid being beatin. I raced back to catch a criticle fly ball. Unfortunately, I fell before I reached the ball. I put out my arm—and what a pain! I was carried off the field on a strecher. The next thing I knew, a doctor was putting the final laier of plaster on my wrist cast.

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WORKING WITH MEANING Write Spelling Words for 13–16.



a 13 soldier



an 14 weaver



a public 15



a 16 instrument