

Spelling Practice

TIP

When one or more vowels come before the letter r in a word, the sound of the vowels can change. Listen for these vowel sounds in the **list words**.

- ar sound as in start
- ir sound as in year, cheer
- or sound as in fork, court
- er sound as in chair, care

LIST WORDS

1. year *year*
2. care *care*
3. large *large*
4. start *start*
5. before *before*
6. order *order*
7. party *party*
8. fork *fork*
9. cheer *cheer*
10. chair *chair*
11. garden *garden*
12. morning *morning*
13. compare *compare*
14. clear *clear*
15. appear *appear*
16. court *court*
17. course *course*
18. pour *pour*
19. prepare *prepare*
20. fearless *fearless*

Vowels with r

Write each list word under the correct heading.

ar sound as in far er sound as in air

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| 1. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 15. _____ |

or sound as in for ir sound as in ear

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| 5. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 20. _____ |
| 10. _____ | |
| 11. _____ | |

TIP

The **ur** sound can be spelled many ways.

ir as in first

ear as in learn

or as in worry

ar as in sugar

er as in paper

ur as in hurt

LIST WORDS

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|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. early | <i>early</i> |
| 2. third | <i>third</i> |
| 3. workbook | <i>workbook</i> |
| 4. first | <i>first</i> |
| 5. worry | <i>worry</i> |
| 6. hurt | <i>hurt</i> |
| 7. Saturday | <i>Saturday</i> |
| 8. better | <i>better</i> |
| 9. farmer | <i>farmer</i> |
| 10. honor | <i>honor</i> |
| 11. sugar | <i>sugar</i> |
| 12. nurse | <i>nurse</i> |
| 13. earth | <i>earth</i> |
| 14. paper | <i>paper</i> |
| 15. learn | <i>learn</i> |
| 16. world | <i>world</i> |
| 17. purse | <i>purse</i> |
| 18. curly | <i>curly</i> |
| 19. worse | <i>worse</i> |
| 20. service | <i>service</i> |

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Vowels with r

Write each list word under the correct spelling of the **ur** sound.

ir as in birth

er as in later

1. _____ 11. _____

2. _____ 12. _____

ur as in purr

13. _____

3. _____ 14. _____

4. _____ **or** as in worm

5. _____ 15. _____

6. _____ 16. _____

7. _____ 17. _____

ear as in earn

18. _____

8. _____ 19. _____

9. _____ **ar** as in hangar

10. _____ 20. _____

Grade 3

TIP

Plural nouns name more than one person, place, or thing. If a noun ends in **x, s, sh, or ch**, add **es** to make it plural.

- tax + **es** = taxes
- class + **es** = classes
- bush + **es** = bushes
- branch + **es** = branches

If a noun ends with a consonant and **y**, change the **y** to **i** and add **es**.

- baby + **es** = babies

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- 1. cones *cones*
- 2. hunters *hunters*
- 3. desks *desks*
- 4. babies *babies*
- 5. berries *berries*
- 6. puppies *puppies*
- 7. bushes *bushes*
- 8. bunches *bunches*
- 9. brushes *brushes*
- 10. branches *branches*
- 11. inches *inches*
- 12. taxes *taxes*
- 13. classes *classes*
- 14. dishes *dishes*
- 15. watches *watches*
- 16. boxes *boxes*
- 17. passes *passes*
- 18. glasses *glasses*
- 19. peaches *peaches*
- 20. hobbies *hobbies*

Making Plurals

Write each **list word** under the correct heading. The heading tells what to do to a singular word to form the plural **list word**.

add es	add s
1. _____	14. _____
2. _____	15. _____
3. _____	16. _____
4. _____	
5. _____	change y to i , and add es
6. _____	17. _____
7. _____	18. _____
8. _____	19. _____
9. _____	20. _____
10. _____	
11. _____	
12. _____	
13. _____	

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TIP

Singular nouns ending with **f** or **fe** often form plurals by changing the **f** or **fe** to **v** and adding **es**.

life + **es** = lives.

Some plural nouns do not end in **s**.

The spelling changes or stays the same.

goose → geese man → men

mouse → mice sheep → sheep

LIST WORDS

- 1. men *men*
- 2. women *women*
- 3. children *children*
- 4. loaves *loaves*
- 5. teeth *teeth*
- 6. mice *mice*
- 7. deer *deer*
- 8. sheep *sheep*
- 9. lives *lives*
- 10. fish *fish*
- 11. leaves *leaves*
- 12. knives *knives*
- 13. wolves *wolves*
- 14. oxen *oxen*
- 15. wives *wives*
- 16. heroes *heroes*
- 17. potatoes *potatoes*
- 18. geese *geese*
- 19. shelves *shelves*
- 20. cattle *cattle*

Irregular Plurals

Write the **list words** that do not end with **s**.

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____
- 7. _____ 8. _____
- 9. _____ 10. _____
- 11. _____

Write the **list words** that have singular forms that end with **f** or **fe**.

- 12. _____ 13. _____
- 14. _____ 15. _____
- 16. _____ 17. _____
- 18. _____

Write the **list words** that have singular forms that end with the letter **o**.

- 19. _____ 20. _____

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TIP

An ending is added at the end of a base word. If a word ends in a vowel and **y**, add only the ending—pray + **ed** = prayed.
 If a word ends in a consonant and **y**, change the **y** to **i** before adding the ending, unless the ending begins with **i**.

worry + **ed** = worried
sway + **ing** = swaying

LIST WORDS

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. rained | <i>rained</i> |
| 2. prayed | <i>prayed</i> |
| 3. studied | <i>studied</i> |
| 4. cleaning | <i>cleaning</i> |
| 5. thanked | <i>thanked</i> |
| 6. acted | <i>acted</i> |
| 7. worried | <i>worried</i> |
| 8. helped | <i>helped</i> |
| 9. copying | <i>copying</i> |
| 10. flying | <i>flying</i> |
| 11. hurried | <i>hurried</i> |
| 12. married | <i>married</i> |
| 13. dressing | <i>dressing</i> |
| 14. camping | <i>camping</i> |
| 15. replied | <i>replied</i> |
| 16. trying | <i>trying</i> |
| 17. repairing | <i>repairing</i> |
| 18. swaying | <i>swaying</i> |
| 19. spied | <i>spied</i> |
| 20. multiplied | <i>multiplied</i> |

Adding Endings to Base Words

Write the **list words**. In some **list words**, you must change the **y** to **i**.

1. rain + ed = _____
2. pray + ed = _____
3. study + ed = _____
4. clean + ing = _____
5. thank + ed = _____
6. act + ed = _____
7. worry + ed = _____
8. help + ed = _____
9. copy + ing = _____
10. fly + ing = _____
11. hurry + ed = _____
12. marry + ed = _____
13. dress + ing = _____
14. camp + ing = _____
15. reply + ed = _____
16. try + ing = _____
17. sway + ing = _____
18. repair + ing = _____
19. multiply + ed = _____
20. spy + ed = _____