

Spelling Activities Long 'a'

Sentences for reading and dictation:

I will bake a cake.

You must not pick up a snake.

The rain came down the chain.

Rain, rain, go away. Come again another day.

The children played a game.

The baby made a mess.

The lady is going to miss the train today.

A baby ant saw a snail and some tape on a tray.

Rhymes for the long 'a' sound:

Highlight or underline the long 'a's:

If you ever, ever, ever meet a whale

You must never, never, never touch its tail

If you ever, ever, ever touch its tail

You will never, never meet another whale.

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man

Bake me a cake as fast as you can.

Pat it and prick it and mark it with 'B'

And put it in the oven for baby and me.

Rain, rain, go away Come again another day.

Tomorrow is my birthday,

I can hardly wait. All my friends are coming, and Mum will bake a cake.

Spelling Activities Long 'e'

Sentences for reading and dictation:

"I need a red bed," said Ted.

I went up the tree and fell on my head.

Can you see me?

I have seen three sheep.

I will eat some meat at the beach.

Come with me to see the donkey.

Some money is green.

Come with me to the beach where there is a tree and a monkey and a pony.

Rhymes for the long 'e' sound:

Highlight or underline the long 'e's:

Bee bee, bumble bee

Buzzing in the blossom tree.

Hector Protector was dressed all in green.

Hector Protector was sent to the queen.

The queen did not like him and nor did the king,

So Hector Protector was sent back again.

Our puppy has four little feet

One little mouth with which to eat

One little nose with which to smell

And two little ears as well.

Two little eyes with which to see,

Two bright eyes watch you and me.

Spelling Activities Long 'i'

Sentences for reading and dictation:

I might get it right.

I got a fright when I took a bite.

We will fly high in the sky.

Which pie would you buy for a tiger?

The boy cried when he saw a spider.

I can't find the right sign.

I will try to make the kite go up high.

I can make a fine line.

The light is very bright.

In the sky there is a kite and a fly going by.

Rhymes for the long 'i' sound:

Here is the beehive. Where are the bees?

Hiding away where nobody sees.

Look! Now they're coming out of the hive.

One, two, three, four, five.

One, two, three four five, once I caught a fish alive

Six, seven, eight nine ten, then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go? Because it bit my finger so.

Which finger did it bite? This little finger on my right.

Good night, sleep tight.

Don't let the bed bugs bite.

Spelling Activities Long 'o'

Sentences for reading and dictation:

The goat was lost in the snow

The roses will not grow in frozen snow.

Go home and get a note to show me.

The toad was on the road.

It is a long way to go to the snow.

Show me a slow boat.

Do not throw stones.

She spoke a long time on the phone.

He stopped to blow his nose while the snow floated down.

He wrote a note on a stone.

Rhymes for the long 'o' sound:

Highlight or underline the long 'o's:

Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold

Peas porridge in the pot nine days old.

Some like it hot, some like it cold

Some like it in the pot, nine days old.

Mary, Mary, quite contrary

How does your garden grow

With silver bells and cockle shells

And pretty maids all in a row.

Spelling Activities Long 'u', Remember that 'oo', 'ew', 'ue' sound like long 'u'

Sentences for reading and dictation:

I will chew the meat in this stew.

She lost a tooth in her food.

The school made a rule to sing a new tune.

A hawk is a kind of bird.

Dad has a new suit.

The cow jumped over the moon.

The screw got stuck in some blue glue.

Rhymes for the long 'u' sound:

Highlight or underline the long 'u's and letters that sound like long 'u': oo. ew.

Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,

The cow jumped over the moon.

The little dog laughed to see such fun

And the dish ran away with the spoon.

There was an old woman in a shoe,

Who always had the flu.

So she ate fruit and greens and a plate full of beans,

That was the very best thing to do!

There was a young man from Crew

Who found a large mouse in his stew.

Said the waiter, "Don't shout and wave it about,

Or the rest will be wanting one too.

Spelling Activities 'air'

Remember that, 'ear', 'air' and 'ere' can sound like 'air'

Sentences for reading and dictation:

My teddy bear has brown hair.

My lunch box is square.

Here is a square with hair.

Rhymes for the long 'air' sound,

(and letters that sound like 'air'):

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'air' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'air':

Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been?

I've been to London to visit the queen.

Pussy cat, pussy cat, what happened there?

I frightened a little mouse under the chair.

In the zoo

There are lots of animals there:

A camel, a lion, a monkey and a bear,

And some other animals that are rare.

I wouldn't like a bear under my chair.

My birthday

When it is my birthday, Mum will make a cake

She'll cut it into little squares

There will be lots to share.

Spelling Activities 'ar'

Remember that, 'a', can sound like 'ar'

Sentences for reading and dictation:

I ate a banana in the car.

After the sun sets you will see stars in the sky.

The car can park at the farm.

The dog is barking.

Rhymes for the long 'ar' sound, (and letters that sound like 'ar'):

Twinkle twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.

After my bath I try, try, try
To wipe myself till I'm dry, dry, dry.

Hands to wipe, and fingers and toes,
And two wet legs and a shiny nose.

Just think how much less time I'd take
If I were a dog and could shake, shake, shake.

Spelling Activities 'ear'

Remember that, 'eer', can sound like 'ear'

Sentences for reading and dictation:

I hear with my ears.

Dad will steer the car to miss the deer.

The pond is clear today.

Here is the gear.

Rhymes for the 'ear' sound, and letters sound like 'ear':

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'ear' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'ear'. It could be 'eer'.

Here is the beehive

Here are the bees

I can hear them buzzing very near.

Here is the honey so sweet and clear.

Lots of animals live in the zoo

Monkeys and lions and creepy snakes too,

Deer and tigers and the kangaroo,

But no need to fear. They won't hurt you.

Spelling Activities 'er'

Remember that, 'or', 'ir' and 'ur' can sound like 'er'

Sentences for reading and dictation:

The early bird gets the worm.

God made the world.

We must always say kind words.

I will stir the pot so it does not burn.

The teddy has lost its fur.

In the world there are lots of ferns.

We saw the girl with a pink skirt.

I got a shirt for my birthday.

Rhymes for the 'er' sound, and letters that sound like 'er':

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'er' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'er':

Big shirts, little shirts, drying on the line,
Some of them are Dad's, and some of them are mine.
The tiny ones are our baby's. Altogether there are nine.

Twinkle twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle twinkle little star, How I wonder what you are.

Cats and dogs have fur
Kittens like to purr
But a tiger is a cat that you wouldn't want to pat.

Spelling Activities 'oi'

Remember that, 'oy' can sound like 'oi'

Sentences for reading and dictation:

The boys enjoy the toy that coils.

I will join the string to make it longer.

Mum boiled the potatoes that we dug up from the soil.

I will buy a drink with my coin.

I hope it will not spoil in the sun.

I will buy a toy with my gold coin.

Rhyme for the 'oi' sound, and letters that sound like 'oi':

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'oi' sound. Remember that 'oy' also makes the 'oi' sound.

We dug up potatoes from the soil.

We put them on to boil.

We enjoyed eating them with the boys

Then we played our with toys.

Spelling Activities 'oo'

Remember that, 'u' can sound like 'oo'

Sentences for reading and dictation:

You should not pull a bull by the nose.

I would like to buy a full ball of wool.

He stood and looked at the pussy.

I wish I could push this wood.

He looked at the book.

The bull put its foot in the pudding.

Rhymes for the short 'oo' sound, and letters that sound like short 'oo':

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'oo' sound. Remember that 'u' can make the same sound.

Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.

One for the master, one for the dame,

And one for the little boy who lives down the lane.

Dame Trot and her cat

Dame Trot and her cat cat down for a chat

The dame sat on this side, and puss sat on that.

"Puss," said the dame, "Can you catch a rat?

Or a mouse in the dark?" "Purr," said the cat.

Spelling Activities 'or'

Remember that, 'aw', 'a', 'oar' and 'our' can sound like 'or'

Sentences for reading and dictation

I want more pork and some corn please.

I saw a small animal crawl across the lawn.

I wore my sports clothes and tore them on the court.

I need some more sauce to go with my meat balls.

Inside the door I saw a poor boy with a short fork.

A boar is a wild pig.

A lion can roar.

You play golf on a golf course.

When you are sure you can say, "Of course".

Rhymes for the 'or' sound, and letter combinations that sound like 'or':

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'or' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'or':

**There once was a man from Bengal,
Who went to a fancy dress ball.
He went just for fun, dressed up as a bun,
But a dog ate him up in the hall.**

**I like to eat spaghetti, long and round
I slurp the sauce with a slurping sound.
I take my fork and roll it around
Then into my mouth and gobble it down**

Spelling Activities 'ou'

Remember that, 'ow' and 'o' can sound like 'or'

Sentences for reading and dictation

The mouse in our house made a little sound.

I don't know how to milk a cow.

When he found gold he shouted out loud.

Go around pounding the drum, then take a bow.

A cow lived in a house with a mouse and an owl.

Rhymes for the 'ou' sound, and letter combinations that sound like 'ou':

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'ou' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'ow':

I'm a little teapot, short and stout,
Here is my handle, here is my spout.
When I get all steamed up, then I shout,
Tip me over and pour me out.

Incy Wincy Spider, climbed the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed poor Incy out.
Out came the sun, and dried up all the rain,
So Incy Wincy Spider, climbed the spout again.

Two little eyes to look around,
Two little ears to hear each sound,
One little mouth that likes to eat,
One little nose to smell what's sweet.