

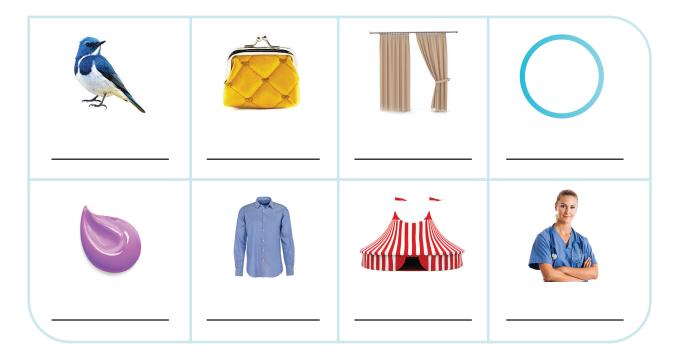
These two patterns both make the same sound. There isn't really a rule to help you choose which one to use. You just have to learn them!

Important words

Make sure you can read these words. It's a good idea to practise saying them in sentences.

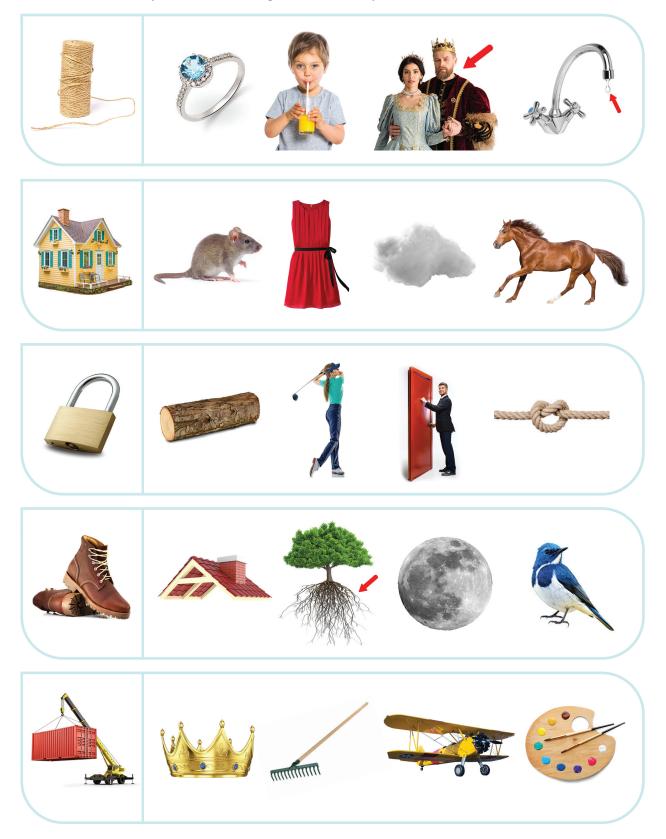
firm	circle	dirty	thirsty
first	third	fur	turn
hurt	burn	nurse	curve

Label these pictures. All words will have the 'ir' or 'ur' pattern. Not all will be in the box above.



Rhyming

Each line has at least one picture which rhymes with the one on the left. Find and circle all the pictures that rhyme with the pictures on the left.



Break the code!

Use the code below to work out the words and how to complete the sentences.



The race to the South Pole

The South Pole is the most southern point of the earth on the continent of Antarctica. It is exactly opposite the North Pole.

The South Pole is not an easy place to visit. It is over 1300 kilometres from the nearest sea. Reaching it means crossing snow and ice, with no natural shelter. There is a danger of falling down deep ice cracks, which are not visible from the surface.



The temperature at the South Pole is well below the freezing point, even in summer. It has been as low as -90C, so it is a very dangerous place to be if you are not well equipped.

There was always a lot of competition to reach the South Pole first. In 1911, two explorers set off on their expeditions to reach the Pole. There was a Norwegian explorer named Roald Amundsen and a British explorer named Robert Falcon Scott. Scott had tried to reach the South Pole before, but he had to turn back. This time, he was determined to succeed.

Amundsen's team set off in October 1911 with sleds pulled by huskies, a breed of dog with very thick fur. Scott set off three weeks later. Most of his sleds were pulled by ponies, although he also had some motor sleds.

Amundsen reached the South Pole in December, about a month before Scott. He managed to return safely. Sadly, Scott's expedition was not so lucky. The weather on his return was particularly cold, which made it much more difficult to pull the sleds. Eventually all members of Scott's expedition died. It was particularly tragic as they died only a few kilometres from a store with food and other supplies.



True or false?

Read the sentences and tick the right box.



True False

- 1. The South Pole was first reached in the year 1911.
- 2. Robert Falcon Scott was the first to reach the Pole.
- 3. Amundsen's sleds were pulled by ponies.
- 4. Scott's expedition were not far from supplies when they died.

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Now see if you can answer these questions. Write your answers as complete sentences.



1. Why was it so challenging to get to the South Pole?

2. Explain why Scott's expedition found it difficult to pull the sleds on their return from the Pole.

3. Explain some of the risks of the journey.

Synonyms

A synonym is a word which means the same as another word. See if you can find synonyms for these words by reading the passage again.

able to be seen	closest	
risky	get to	
be successful	especially	





Tricky words

Read the sentences below and fill in the gaps with a word which makes sense. Use the words in the box.

 She wouldn't any help, despite being very 	except
 The young businessman only achieved real with the third he started. 	fierce height
 The builder was following instructions, but still got the of the doorways wrong. 	weight
 They all bought pancakes Jess, who bought a muffin instead. 	success straight
5. In his time, he goes to the gym, where he works on his fitness.	spare cough
6. They got into because their dog was so and frightened other people.	business busy
 She is keen on lifting because she wants to build up her muscles. 	trouble
8. Alan developed a bad and had to cancel his holiday.	accept





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business curve accept	circle thirsty success	spare burn cough	dirty busy circle	fur dirty firm	
fierce	weight	first	firm	trouble	
success	third	straight	weight	hurt	
circle	straight	curve	business	turn	
except	height	nurse	hurt	spare	



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Speedreading

	Workbook 8 - Unit 1	
	Dictation words	
1	Dictation Sentences	
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