



Unit 1

‘ir’ or ‘ur’



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.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
♀	🐛	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠

n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
♂	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠

1. My sister is now _____ years old.

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2. There is a _____ on the _____.

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3. My _____ is not very nice!

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4. I like my _____ ball.

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5. _____

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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.



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.

True False

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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	
risky	
be successful	

closest	
get to	
especially	



Tricky words

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

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

except

fierce

height

weight

success

straight

spare

cough

business

busy

trouble

accept



Speedreading



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



Times:

Dictation words



Dictation Sentences

1. _____

2. _____

Teacher Feedback

