

Reading and Spelling 4

Packet 24



About Decoding and Spelling (Irregular-Vowel Words with Blends or Digraphs) Correctly decoding words with irregular vowels can be a challenge because the words do not "follow the rules." Sometimes context clues or the process of elimination helps, but often children must learn to recognize these troublesome words through mental images or memorization.

The irregular-vowel words in this packet and in the Reading Readiness software are single-syllable words containing blends or digraphs. The irregular vowels include *ar, er/ir/ur, or, aw, oi/oy, ow/ou,* and *oo*.

Packet 24 Objective: Read and spell irregular-vowel words with blends or digraphs.

Class Activity: Word Detective

Outcome: Spell irregular-vowel words that have blends or digraphs.

1. Pronounce a word from the list below and have a volunteer write it on the board. (If you wish, the other children can write the word on paper.) Discuss the spelling and have children correct any mistakes.

dark	dirt	born	draw	town	point	zoom
tar	third	sort	thaw	plow	soil	stood
smart	stir	floor	paw	ground	joy	root

2. Repeat with about four other words. Then stop and ask children to close their eyes while you erase a letter from each word. Invite children to act as "word detectives" to identify the missing letters. Continue with other sets of words.

Worksheet 1: Picture Puzzle

Materials: Picture Puzzle worksheet (1 per child), pencils

Outcome: Use irregular-vowel words to complete a picture crossword.

Ask volunteers to name the pictures on the worksheet. Explain that children should write the words across or down, one letter per box.

Extra Help: As children name the pictures, discuss the spelling of the words.

Going Further: Let children create crosswords by writing words on graph paper.

Worksheet 2: Flowery Words

Materials: Flowery Words worksheet (1 per child), crayons

Outcome: Read irregular-vowel words; find correctly spelled picture names.

Have children color the crayons in the key at the top of the page. Children should color the flower red if the picture name is correct or pink if the name is incorrect.

Extra Help: Provide the hint that only two picture names are correct.

Going Further: Beside each pink flower, spell the picture name correctly.

Picture Puzzle

Worksheet 1

Write the picture names in the boxes. One is done for you.

The crossword puzzle grid consists of the following words:

- Across:**
 - Row 1: [] [] [] []
 - Row 5: [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 - Row 7: f l o w e r
 - Row 9: [] [] [] []
- Down:**
 - Column 1: [] [] [] []
 - Column 2: [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 - Column 3: [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 - Column 4: [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 - Column 5: [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 - Column 6: [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 - Column 7: [] [] [] [] [] [] []

Clues and their corresponding words:

- Across 1:** A blue and white bird (sparrow).
- Across 5:** A brown mouse.
- Across 7:** A pink flower (flower).
- Across 9:** A silver coin (quarter).
- Down 1:** A wooden broom.
- Down 2:** A blue scarf.
- Down 3:** A yellow corn cob.
- Down 7:** A glass of water with a straw.

Flowery Words

Worksheet 2

word OK 

word not OK 

