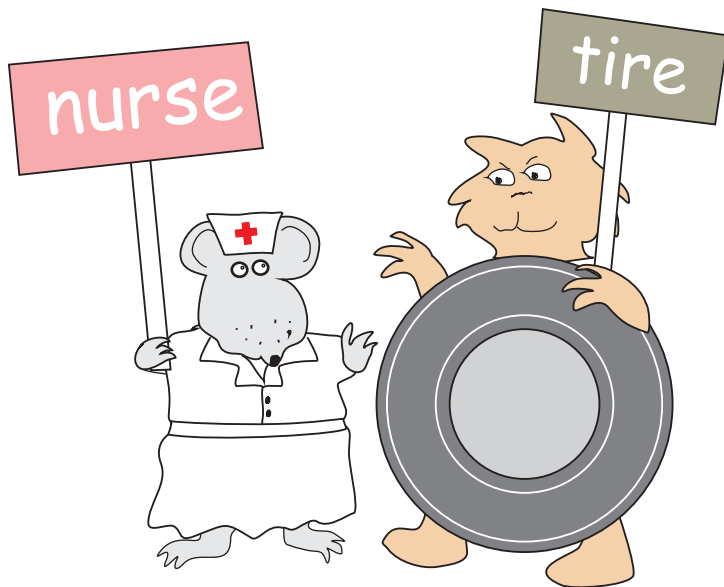


## Advanced Book 6

### R Controlled Vowels and Silent E



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### Taught in this book:

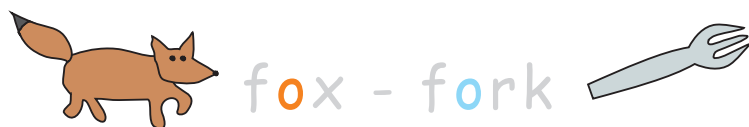
- R Controlled vowels and the Silent E (for example, “car” to “care”)
- The important exceptions to the rules (are, there, were, sure)
- That two consonants prevent the Silent E from acting (e.g. “stare” versus “starve”).

### Words taught in this book:

- are, care, dare, scare, share, square, stare
- admire, entire, fire, tire, wire
- cure, manure, pure, sure
- here, there, were
- before, bore, chore, more, snore, sore, store
- burst, charge, curse, force, horse, large, Marge, nurse, purse, serve

## The letter “R” changes vowels

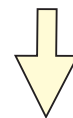
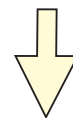
In an earlier book,\*\* we learned that the letter “R” changes the way that vowels sound. For example, the letter “R” changes “cat” to “car.”

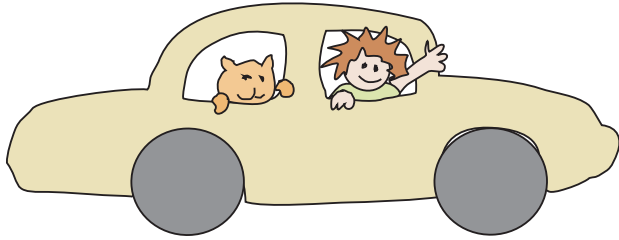


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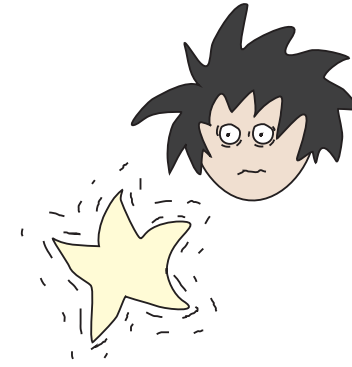
## “R” plus Silent E

In this book, we will learn that when you put a Silent E after an “R,” the vowel calls out its name (makes its long vowel sound).

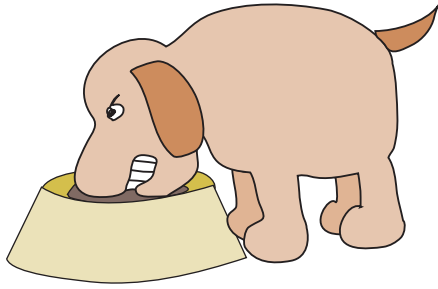




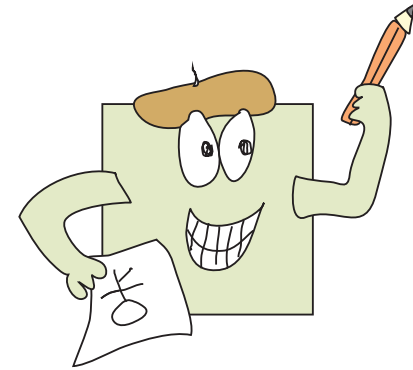
I take good **care** of my cat,  
 Kate, when we go for a drive  
 in the **car**. But Kate doesn't  
**care** to drive in the **car**, so  
 we never drive too far.



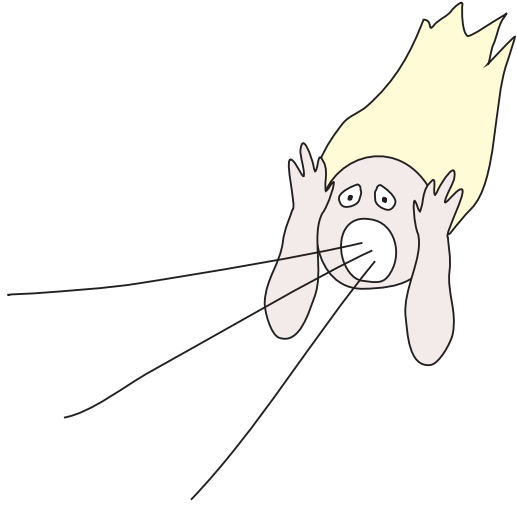
If I **stare** at a **star**  
 for a long, long time,  
 if I **stare** at a **star**,  
 and I count to nine, will  
 the **star** I **stare** at  
 be mine, mine, mine?



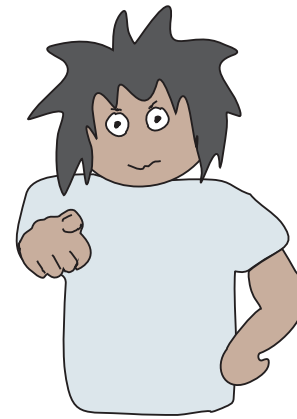
I **share** my food with my dog,  
 but he will not **share** with me.  
 He won't **share**, but I don't  
**care** — his food is dis-gus-ting!



I can draw a **square**  
 as **square** as can be,  
 but can a **square**  
 draw me, me, me?



I can **scare** my dog.  
 I can **scare** my cat.  
 And I **scare** myself  
 when I scream like that.



I did it on a **dare**.  
 I did it **just** because.  
 And I **dare** you to  
 do it too, **just** because.

## Rule-breaker

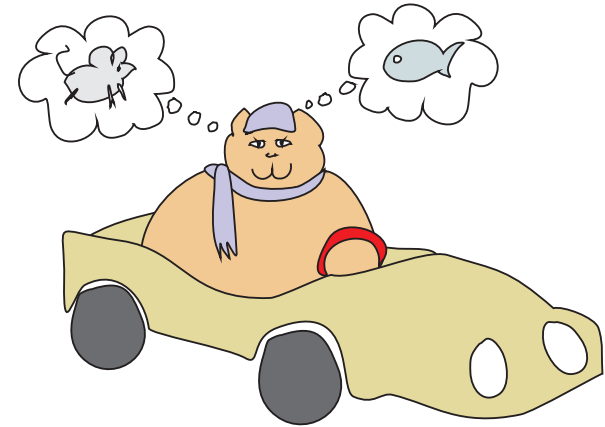
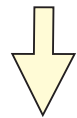
The word "are" is a rule-breaker. In this word, the Silent E does not change the vowel.



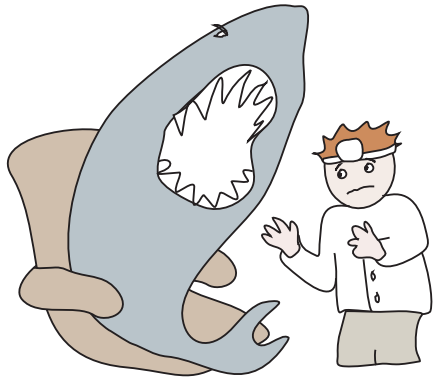
care  
(long vowel sound)



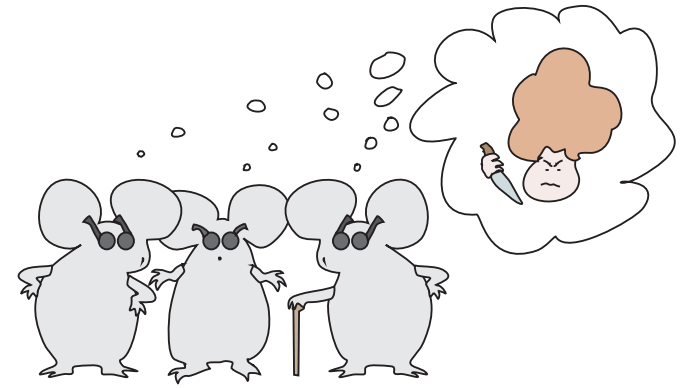
are  
(short vowel sound)



"Mice are nice," said the cat in the car. "Mice are nice, oh, yes, they are. Mice are nice, and fish are too. I like them for lunch, and so do you."



If I were a dentist, I would not see a **shark**. The teeth of a **shark are** much too **sharp**. The teeth **are** big. The teeth **are** strong. The teeth of a shark **are** much too long.

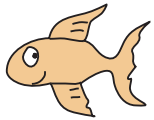


We **are** angry. We **are** mad. The farmer's wife is bad, bad, bad. She does not **care** for rats or mice, so she likes to **scare** us with her knife.

(Refers to the Nursery Rhyme, Three Blind Mice.)

## “IR” plus Silent E

When you put a Silent E after an “I” and an “R,” the “I” calls out its name (makes its long vowel sound).



fish

(short vowel sound)



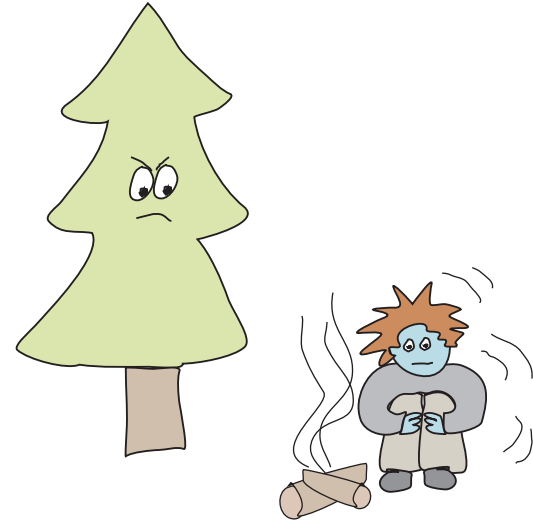
fir

(a kind of pine tree)  
(the “r” squashes the vowel)



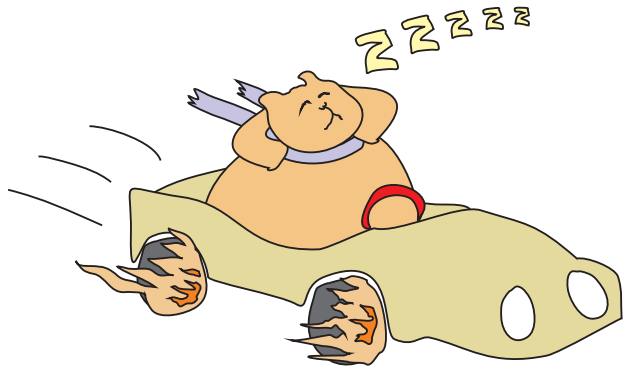
fire

(long vowel sound)

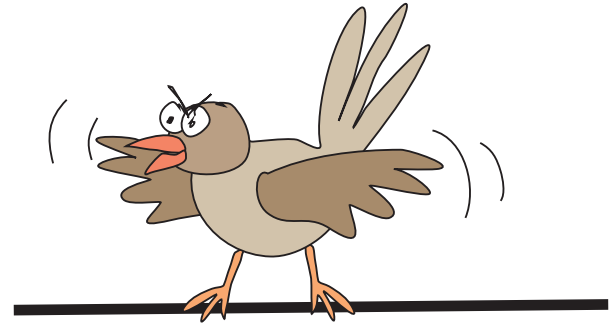


I made a **fire** by a tall  
**fir** tree. The **fire** was as  
warm as a **fire** can be. But  
the **fir** tree said, “You are  
burning **my** toes.” So I put out  
the **fire**, and then I froze.

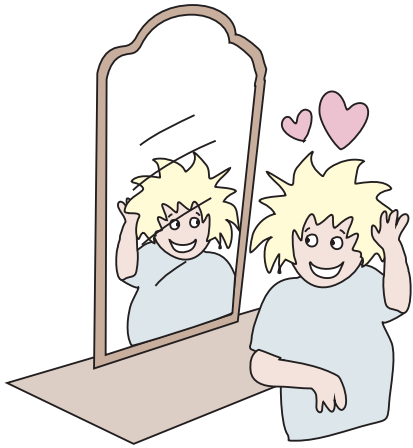




When the first **tire** caught on **fire**, the fat cat did not see it. When the next **tire** caught on **fire**, the fat cat ate a cheese bit. When the third **tire** caught on **fire**, the fat cat said, "Beep, beep." When the fourth **tire** caught on **fire**, the fat cat went to sleep.



A bad bird sat on a telephone **wire**. He spat on a cat and called him a liar. The bird on the **wire** was in a bad mood. The bird on the **wire** was rude, rude, rude.



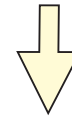
I spend all day, the **entire**,  
 long day, by my pretty mirror.  
 I **admire** my face.  
 I **admire** my nose.  
 I **admire** me in the mirror.  
 I think I would even kiss myself  
 if I could get much nearer.

## “UR” plus Silent E

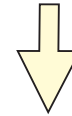
When you put a Silent E after a “U” and an “R,” the “U” makes a sound similar to its long vowel sound.



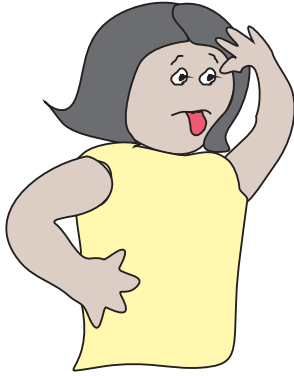
**cup**  
 (short vowel sound)



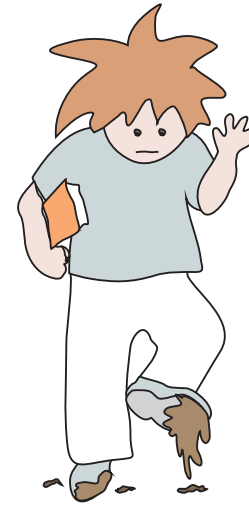
**cur** (homeless dog)  
 (the “r” squashes the vowel)



**cure**  
 (almost long vowel sound)



Is there a **cure** for  
ice cream? I need a  
**cure** quick, quick. I  
need a **cure** for cake  
and candy too – without  
them I am sick.



I ran across a field and  
what did I get? **Manure**  
on my shoes, and my feet got  
wet. **Pure manure** may  
be good for grass, but I don't  
want to wear it to my class.

## Rule-breaker

The word "sure" is a rule-breaker in two ways.

- 1 The "S" says "sh,"  
not "sss."

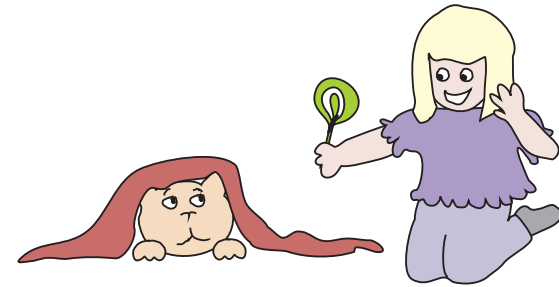


sure

- 2 The Silent E doesn't do anything, so "sure" sounds more like "sher" or "shore" than "cure."



Also, the word "sugar" sounds like "shugar," not "sssugar."



My cat is sick. I am **sure**  
she is ill. And when she is sick,  
I am **sure** she needs a pill. I  
have no pill, just a piece of candy,  
but I am **sure, sure, sure**  
it will make her feel dandy.

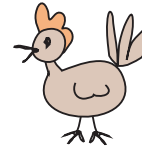
"Dandy" means looking or feeling good.



Pure, pure sugar  
is good to eat. I am  
sure that sugar will  
make me sweet. Pure,  
pure sugar is good  
for me because sugar is  
good for my personality.

## “ER” plus Silent E

When you put a Silent E after an “E” and an “R,” the “E” makes its long vowel sound.



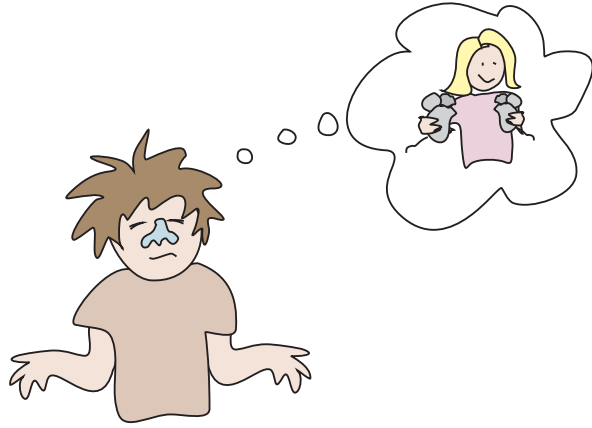
hen  
(short vowel sound)



her  
(the “r” squashes the vowel)



here  
(long vowel sound)



I think she was **here**. She was **here** at my house. She was **here** with **her** rat, **her** cat and **her** mouse. I did not see **her here**, my eyes were closed, but I smelled **her here** with my big blue nose.




**Here** I am at the candy shop. I came **here** for candy, and I got a lot. **Here** is a bag of lemon drops, and **here** are three big lollipops. **Here** in my hand is a soda pop – I told you that I got a lot.

## Rule-breakers

The words "there" and "were" are rule-breakers.

were



The Silent E doesn't do anything in this word, so "were" sounds like "her."



We were with  
her.

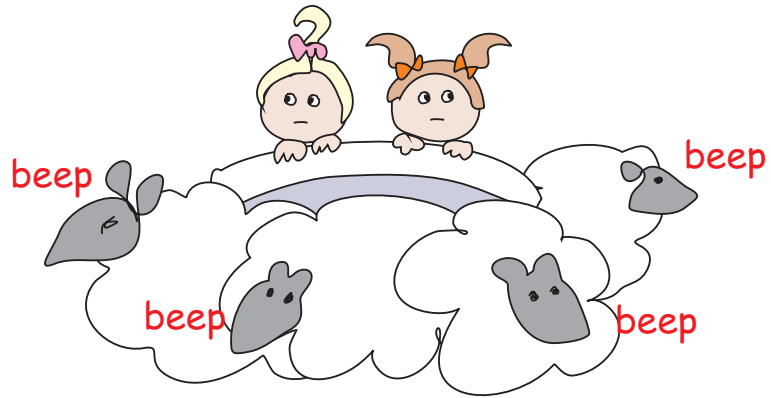
there



The first "E" says "A," so the word "there" sounds more like "care," "share" and "square."

The square  
over there.





We were in her room.

We were not asleep.

Our teeth were clean,  
and so were the sheep.

So we said good night,  
and the sheep said beep.



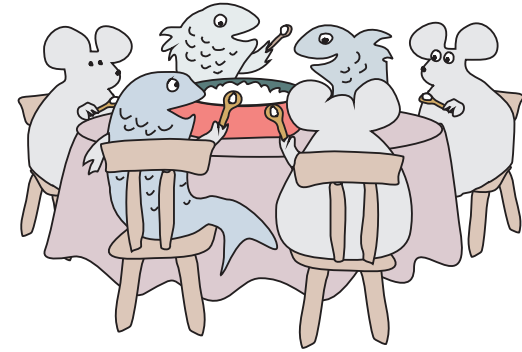
We were in the rain,  
and we were wet, but it  
was not time to go home yet.

We were happy to be  
wet. We were happy  
in the rain, but we did not  
want to go down the drain.





Put the pot **there** by the wall.  
 No, I don't like it **there** at all.  
 Try it by the door, no. Try it by  
 the chair. No, not **there**... or  
**there**... or **there**... or **there**.  
 Now try it **there** in that spot.  
 Hey! I did not say to break the pot.

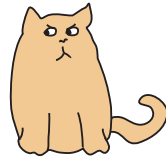


**There** are three fish,  
 and **there** are three mice,  
**there** in the restaurant, eating  
 all the rice. They are **there**  
 at night. They are **there** in  
 the day. I wish they would leave,  
 but they never go away.

## Remember...

**there** 

Means a place or location: Look at the cat over there.



**here** 

At THIS place or location; usually a location that is nearby (close).  
The cat came over here.

here



**X**



The tooth fairy **came here** last night. She was **here** for my teeth, but I put up a fight. She said, "Put them over **there** when they come out." I said, "No, I will keep them **here** in my mouth."

## “OR” plus Silent E

The letter “O” is different. When you put a Silent E after an “O” and an “R,” nothing happens.



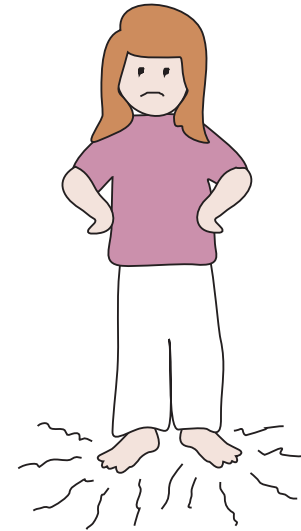
snore~~e~~  
(short vowel sound)



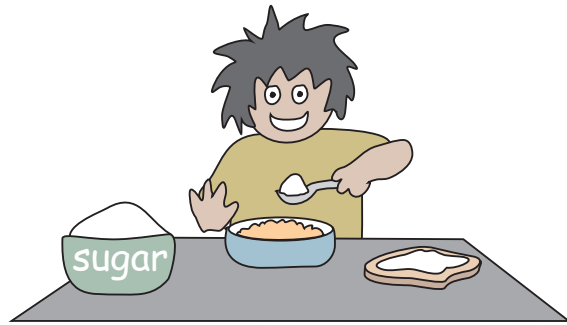
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(short vowel sound)



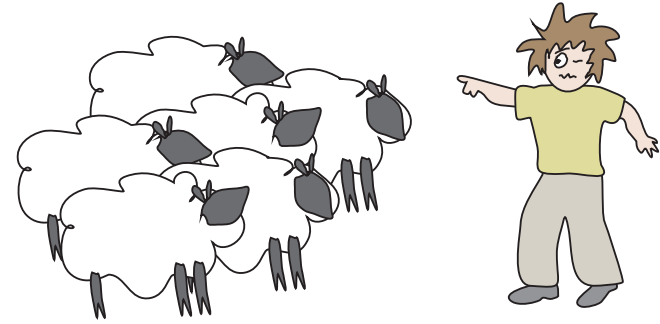
core~~e~~ (apple core)  
(short vowel sound)



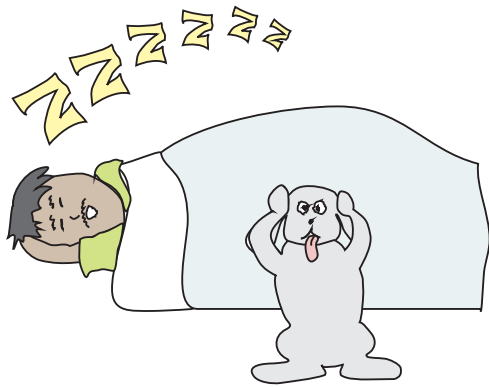
I went to the store for  
some candy. I went to the  
store for some tea.  
But I forgot my money,  
so I only got sore feet.



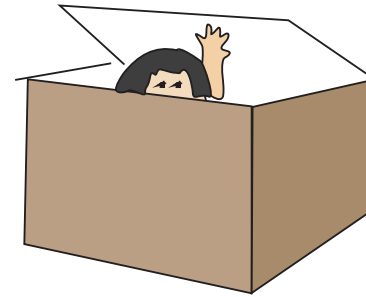
Should I put **more** sugar on my cereal, **or more** sugar on my toast? We eat **more** sugar than we should, and I always eat the most.



My **chore** is such a bore.  
 The **more** I do my **chore**,  
 the **more** I want to snore.  
 Why is my **chore** counting  
 all the sheep? The **more** I  
 count sheep, the **more**  
 I want to sleep.



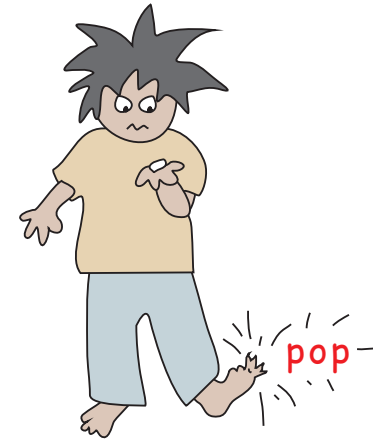
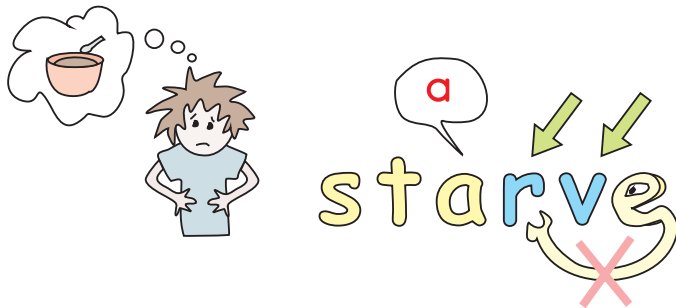
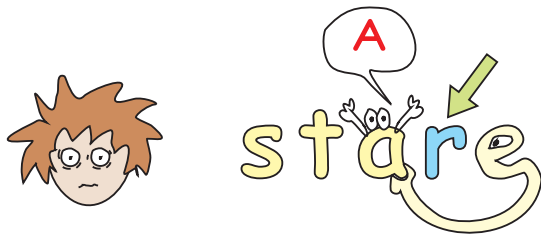
When my uncle is asleep,  
 he will snort and snore.  
 If you try to wake him up,  
 he will snore even more.  
 He will snore so much  
 that the dog wakes up. Will I  
 snore too when I grow up?



Before I play hide  
 and seek, I find a good box.  
 And before I play hide  
 and seek, I put on quiet socks.  
 I play by myself, so I always  
 win. It is hard to lose when  
 I know which box I'm in.

## Two consonants

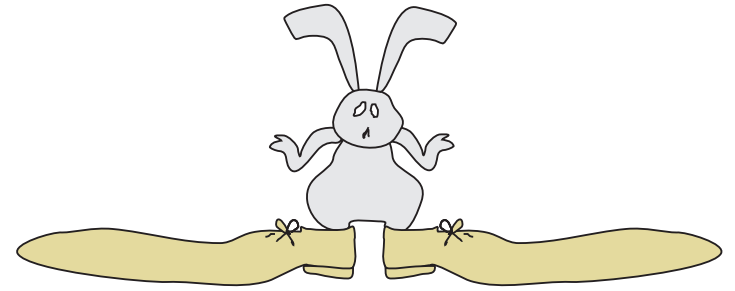
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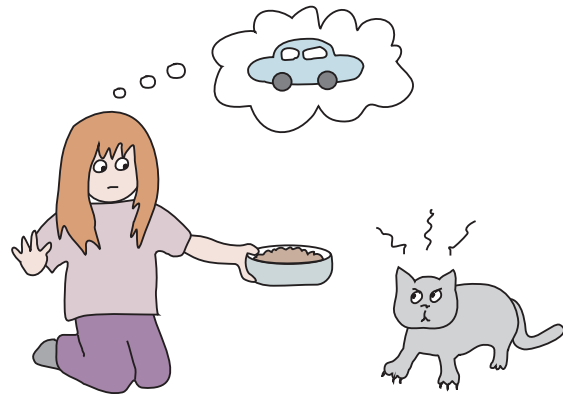
Is this pill a **cure** or a **curse**? The first time I took one, the pain got worse. The next time I took one, my big toe **burst**. I told the **nurse**, but she just laughed. I think I will throw **these** pills in the bath.



Curse, curse, curse,  
 my **purse** is gone. It was  
 taken by the **nurse** with the  
 white shoes **on**. I went to the  
**nurse** to **cure** my cold,  
 but she took my **purse** to  
 “**cure**” me of my “gold.”



I am a **hare**. My name is  
**Marge**. Look at my feet,  
 they are **large**, **large**,  
**large**. My feet are so  
**large** they are bigger than  
 a **car**. It is hard to believe  
 just how **large** they are.



If I were in **charge** of  
a **car**, I would take good  
**care** of it. But I am only  
in **charge** of a cat that  
likes to scratch and spit.



You cannot **force** a horse  
to eat; it will dine when it wants  
to dine. Nor should you **force**  
a **horse** to drink, so never  
**serve** it wine.

THE END