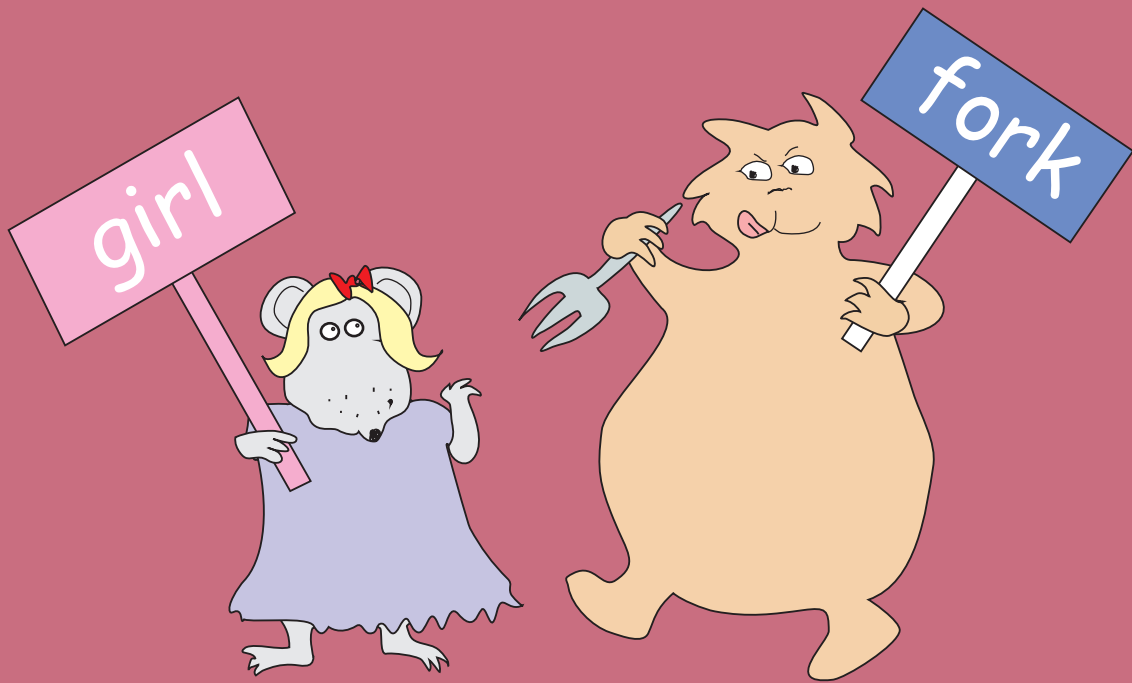


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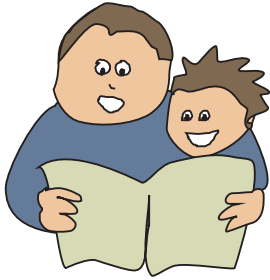
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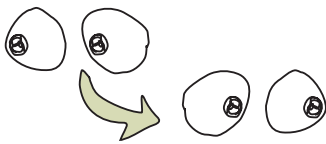
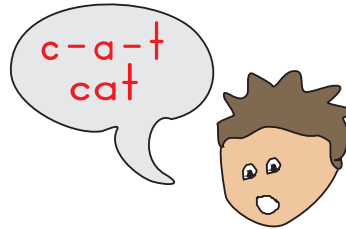
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## Quick Start Guide



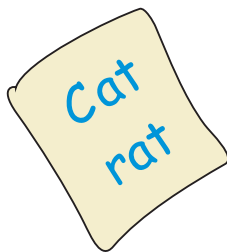
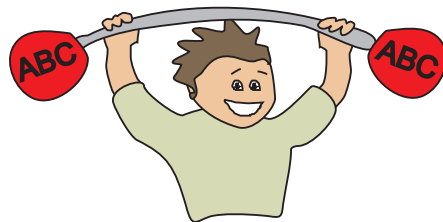
Read the book **WITH** your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.



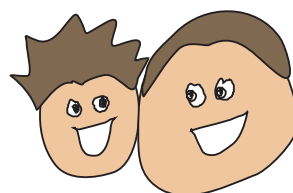
Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns that are necessary for reading.

Don't rush it. Body builders don't train in a day – neither does a child.



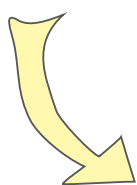
If your child is having difficulty, he/she might need more practice with simple short vowel words. Read or re-read the Progressive Phonics Beginner Books a few times, and then try this book again.

And most important of all, **HAVE FUN!**



Words that a child should be able to read by now are printed with BLUE ink – if your child can't read them easily, go back and review the earlier books.

The new words being learned are “big, red words”.



Is my clock sick?



It only says tick.



Words or grammatical constructions that a child has not learned yet are written in black ink.  
**These words are supposed to be read by the parent/teacher. \*\***

\*\* Your child can try to read them, but don't worry too much about them. They are taught later, either in later Progressive Phonics books, or in spelling or grammar at school.

Words taught in this book:

arm bark car Carl far  
 hard jar park part scarf  
 shark sharp smart star  
 start storm yarn

- - - - -

born corn for fork horn  
 or short snort sport York

- - - - -

bird dirt first girl shirt  
 Sir skirt stir third

- - - - -

Bert her jerk

- - - - -

burn burp fur hurt  
 turn



Note: Pages like this are read TO your child.

When an "R" comes AFTER a vowel (an a, e, i, o, or u), the letter "R" changes the sound of the vowel.

Let's hear how the letter "R" changes the letter "A" –

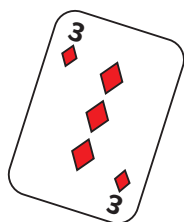
cat → car

bat → bar

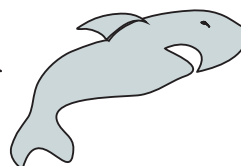
The "R" squashes the "a" and calls out his own name, "R". You can hear only a little bit of the "a" and a lot of the "R."

Listen to these words and say after me...

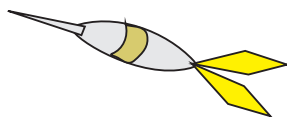
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shark



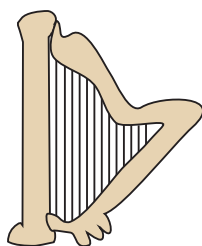
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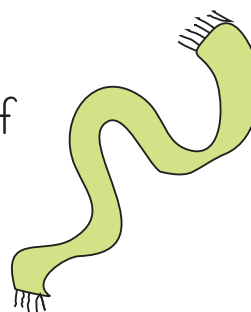
arm



harp



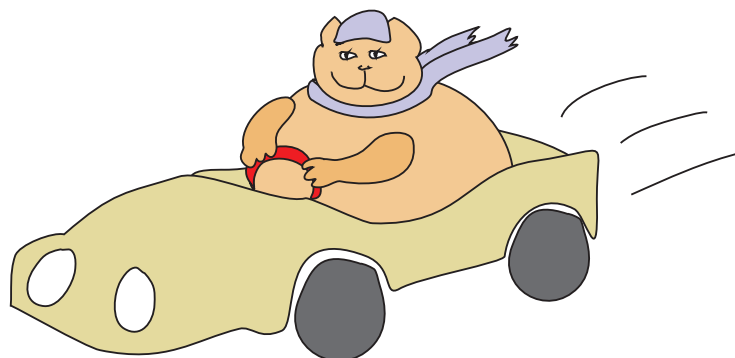
scarf



(More example words if you need them: far, scar, hard, mark, farm, sharp, start, cart, large, and starve.)

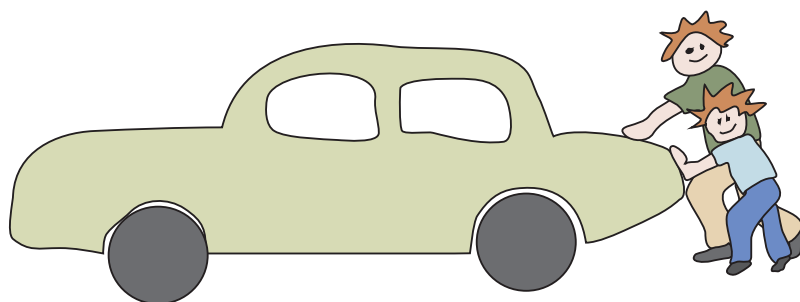


A **star** in a **jar** is  
better than a **star**  
up in the sky. I try to  
catch a **star**, but a  
**star** is much too high.

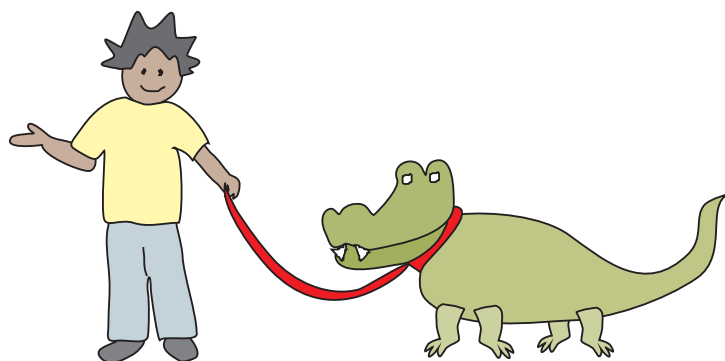


My **fat cat** can't walk  
too **far**, so he has to drive  
a **car**. He will drive to the  
**park**, so **far** away, and  
then sit in the **car** – he is  
much too **fat** to play.

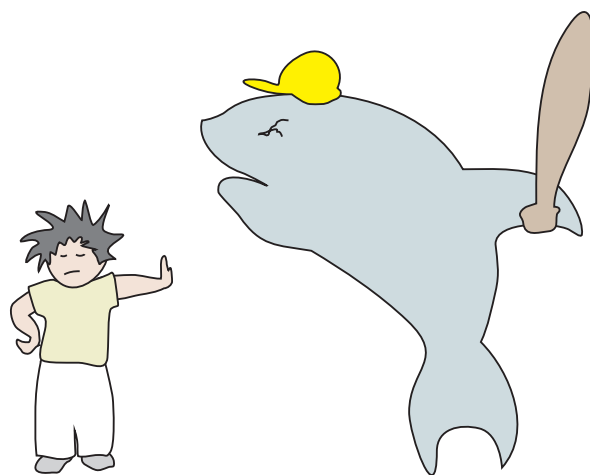




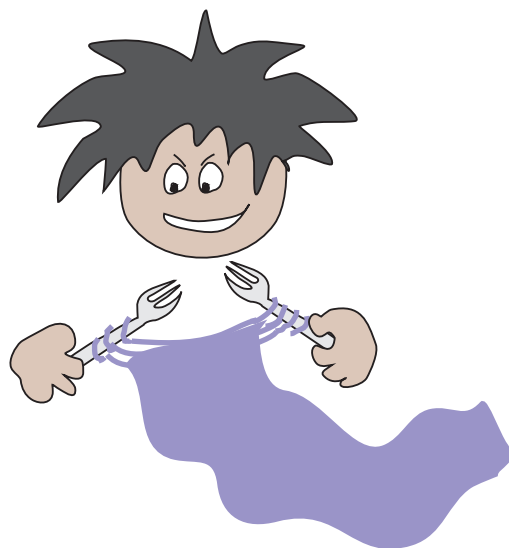
We got in the **car** to go  
to the **park**; we got in the  
**car**, but the **car** did not  
**start**. You can't go **far**  
in a **car** that will not **start**,  
so we had to push the **car**  
to the **park**, **park**, **park**.



My dog, **Carl**, is not  
too **smart**. He will not  
run, and he will not **bark**.  
If **Carl** was **smart**,  
he would catch a ball —  
maybe **Carl** is not a dog  
at all.



I will not play baseball with  
this **shark**. He is too big,  
and his teeth are **sharp**.  
If he bit off my **arm**, I  
would be so sad. Go away,  
**shark**, before I get mad.



I made a scarf with  
purple yarn. I made the  
scarf as long as my arm.  
It was not hard to make  
that scarf – using forks  
was the hardest part.

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When the letter "R" comes after the letter "O", the "R" the sound of the letter "O."

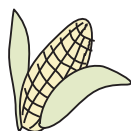
The "R" squashes the "O" and calls out his own name, "R". You can hear only a little bit of the "a" and a lot of the "R."

fox → for

hot → horn

Listen to these words and say after me...

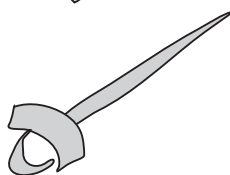
corn



fork



sword



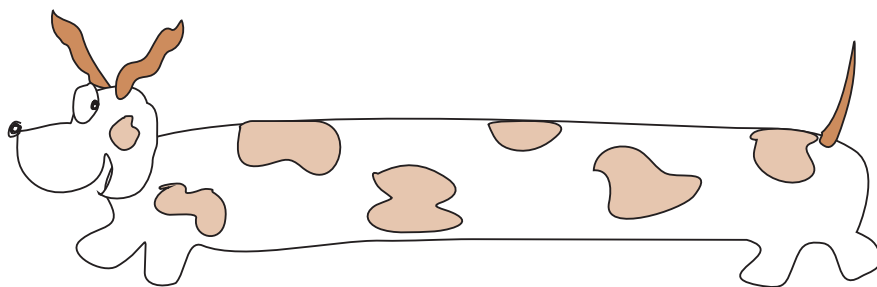
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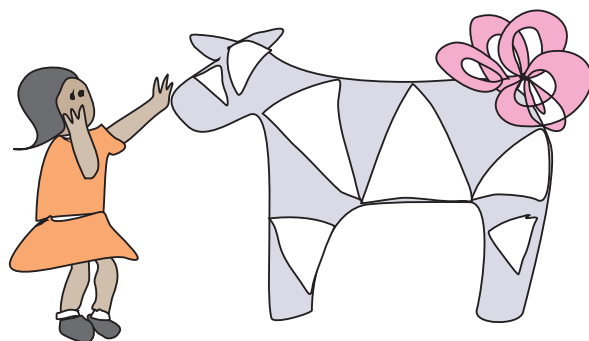
horn



(More example words if you need them: storm, cord, torn, port, sort, and north.)



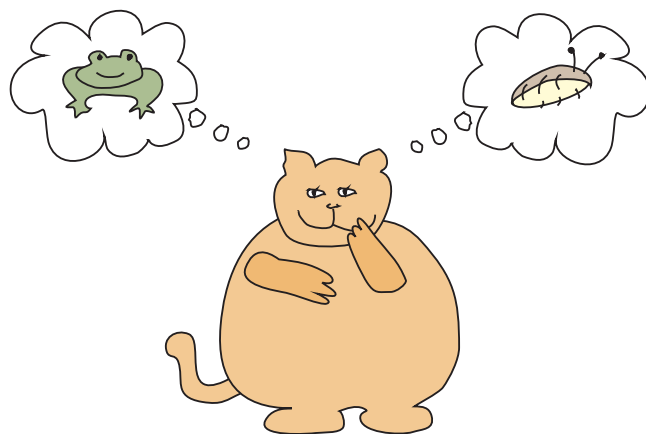
My dog, **Spot**, can't  
play a **sport**. He is  
much too long and much  
too **short**.



Is this gift **for** me,  
**or** is it **for** Bob?

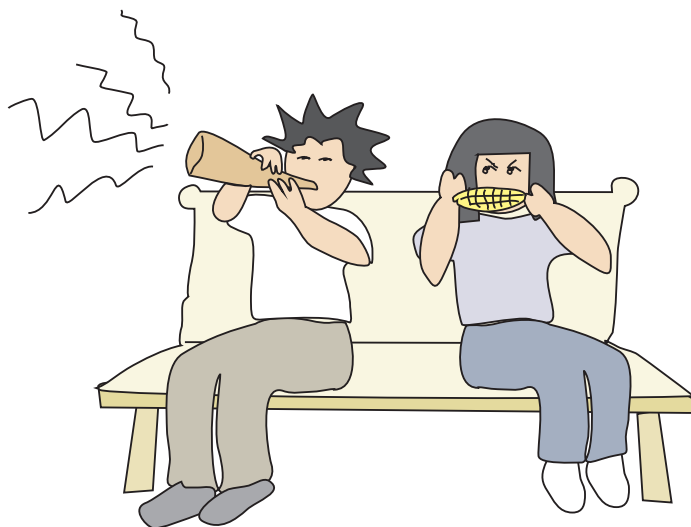
Is it a cat **or** a big,  
black dog? Is it real,  
**or** is it a toy? Is it a  
girl, **or** is it a boy?





The cat is hungry **for**  
a fish, **or** maybe **for**  
a fat frog on a dish.

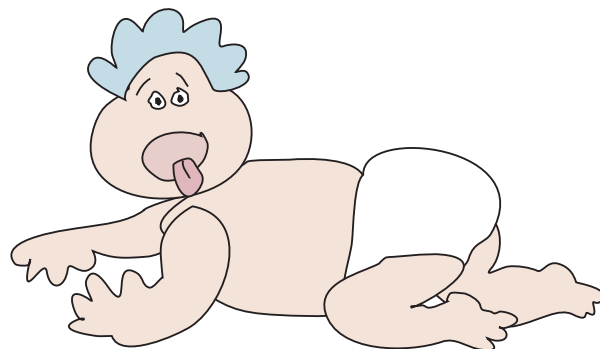
Hungry **for** a bug so  
good to chew – a fish **or**  
a frog **or** a bug **or** two.



I sat on the bench  
and ate some **corn**.

My brother played  
a song on his **horn**.

I wish he had **corn**  
and not a **horn**.



When I was **born**, I was  
so **short**; I could not run  
**or** play a **sport**.

Now **that** I am older, I am  
**still** too **short**, and when  
I talk, I **snort**, **snort**,  
**snort**.



All the people in New  
York drink their water  
with a fork. It is hard  
to drink water with a  
fork, but that is how  
they do it in New York.

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When the letter “R” comes after the letter “i”, the “R” squashes the letter “i” so flat, that you can’t hear much of the “i” at all.

bit → b*r*d

dig → d*r*t

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Listen to these words and say after me...

bird



shirt



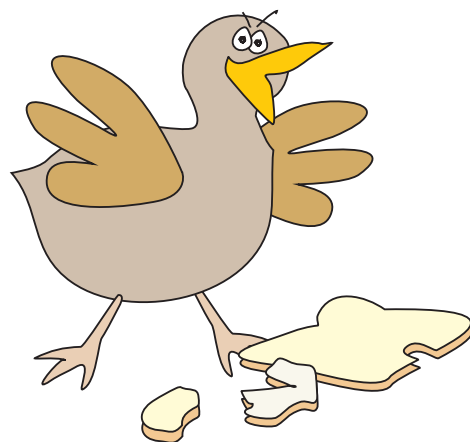
skirt



girl



(More example words if you need them:  
first, firm, dirt, stir and third.)



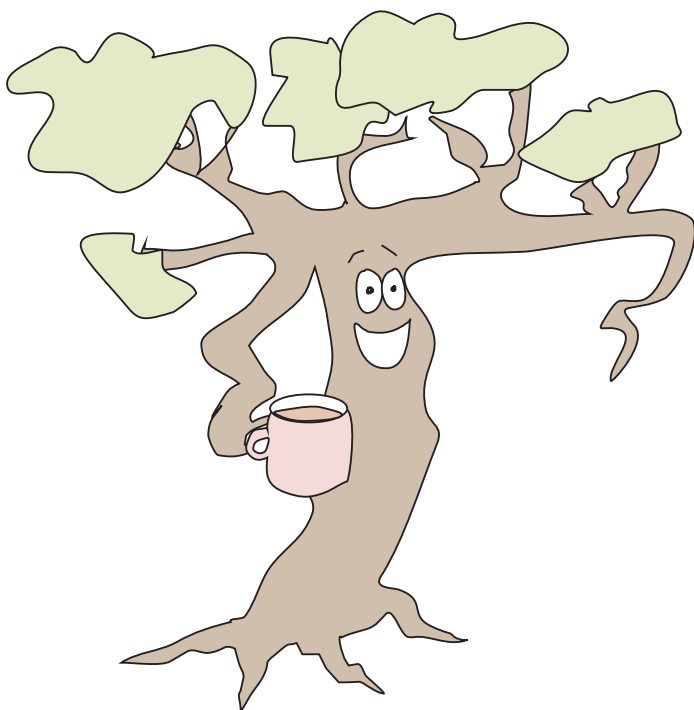
A big, bad bird  
ate a bit of bread.

Then the big, bad  
bird bit me on the  
head.



If I can't be the  
**first girl** on the  
moon, then I want to be  
the **first girl** in the  
room who wants to be  
the **first girl** on  
the moon.



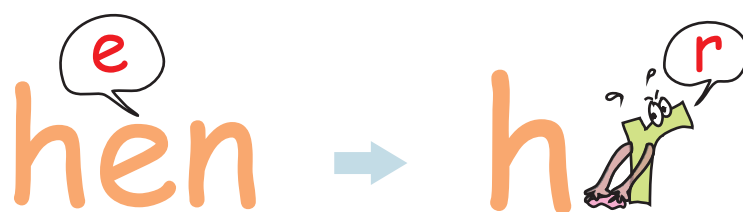
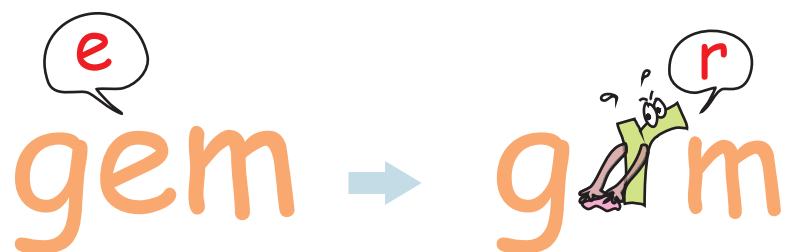


I use a stick to stir  
my tea. I stir with a  
stick because I am a  
tree.



The **first** time I fell in  
the **dirt**, I got **dirt** on  
my **shirt**. The second  
time I fell in the **dirt**,  
I got **dirt** on my **skirt**.  
The **third** time I fell  
in the **dirt**, I got **dirt**  
on my **dirt**.

When the letter "R" comes after the letter "e," the letter "R" squashes the letter "e" so flat that you can hardly hear the "e."



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Listen to these words and say after me...

fern

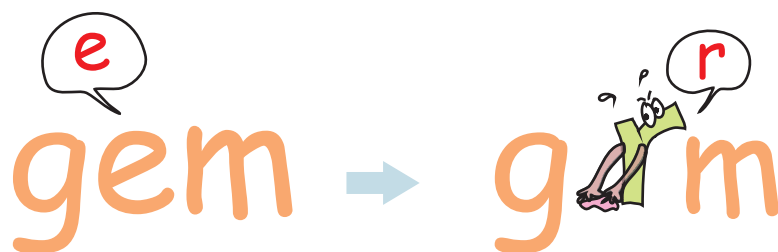


her

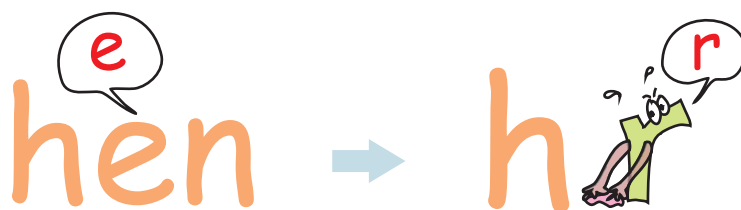


(More example words if you need them: Bert, herb, dessert, nerve, serve.)

When the letter "R" comes after the letter "e," the letter "R" squashes the letter "e" so flat that you can hardly hear the "e." Here, the "R" changes "gem" to "germ" and "hen" to "her" —



The diagram illustrates the phonetic change from "gem" to "germ". On the left, the word "gem" is written in orange lowercase letters. A speech bubble containing the letter "e" is positioned above the "e". A blue arrow points to the right, where the word "germ" is shown. The "e" in "germ" is flattened and integrated into the letter "r". A green cartoon character with a speech bubble containing the letter "r" is positioned above the "r".



The diagram illustrates the phonetic change from "hen" to "her". On the left, the word "hen" is written in orange lowercase letters. A speech bubble containing the letter "e" is positioned above the "e". A blue arrow points to the right, where the word "her" is shown. The "e" in "her" is flattened and integrated into the letter "r". A green cartoon character with a speech bubble containing the letter "r" is positioned above the "r".

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Listen to how the “R” sounds in these words – listen and say after me...

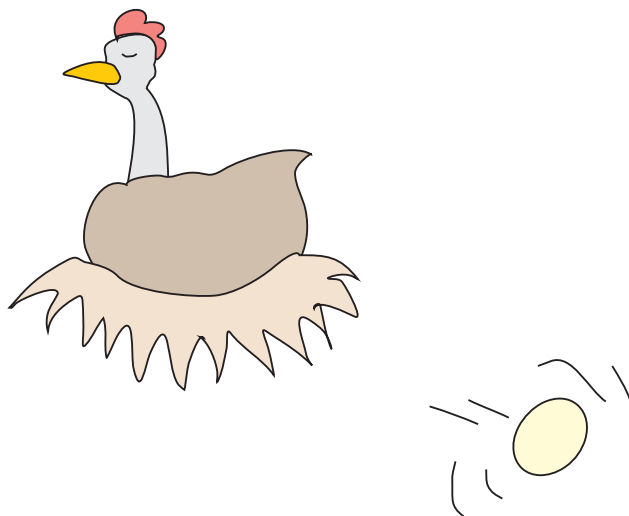
fern



her



(More example words if you need them: Bert,  
herb, dessert, nerve, serve.)



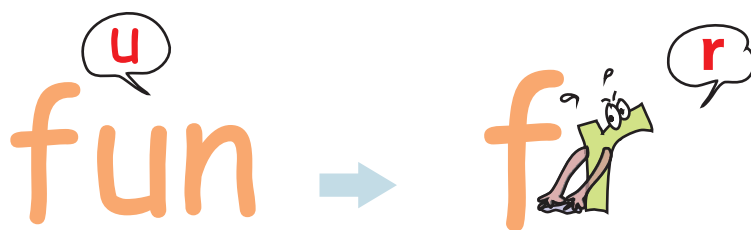
A hen sat on her leg;  
she sat on her leg all day.  
The hen thought her leg  
was her egg, but no —  
her egg had run away.



Bert is not a jerk,  
a jerk is mean,  
but Bert is so nice  
that he makes me scream.



When the letter "R" comes after the letter "u," the letter "R" squashes the letter "u" so flat that you can hardly hear the "u."



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Listen to these words and say after me...

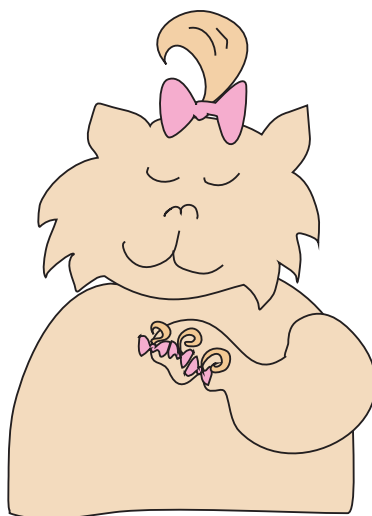
curl



hurt



(More example words if you need them:  
blur, lurk, hurl, turn, surf, burp.)



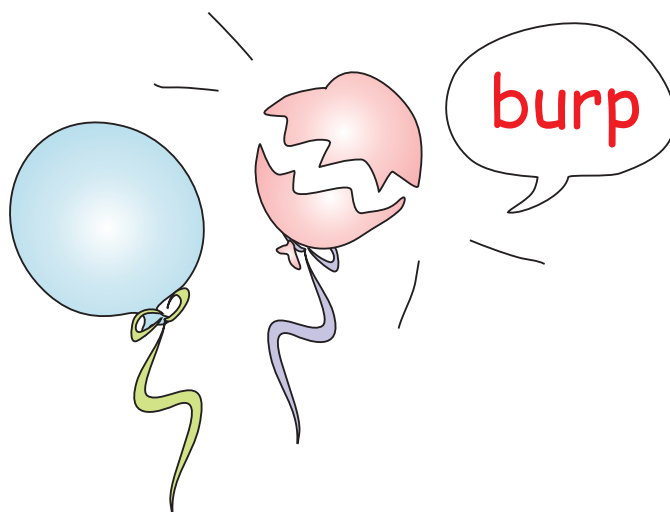
Fur is fun.

Yes, fur is cool.

I curl my fur

before I go to

school.



I can burp.

I burp a lot.

But when balloons

burp, they

pop, pop, pop.



A burn can hurt –  
a burn can hurt a lot –  
so do not touch the fire,  
and do not touch the pot.



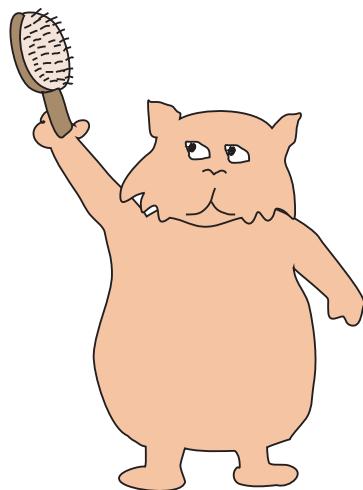
It is my **turn**  
to **turn** around,  
so see me spin and  
see me **turn**. If  
I **turn** any faster,  
my skin will **burn**.

The letter "R" squashes the letters "e", "i" and "u" so much that they sound exactly the same. Listen:

her → h 

fur → f 

Sir → S 



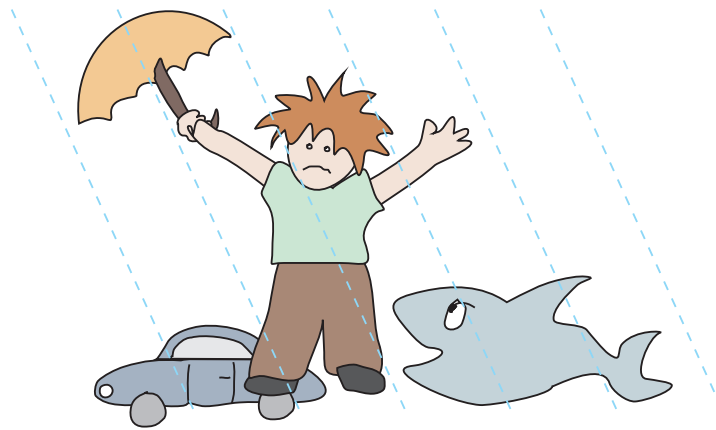
My cat has a brush  
to brush her fur,  
and she always says,  
“Sir, will you  
brush my fur?”





Bert was not  
hurt when he fell  
in the dirt, but  
Bert got dirt  
on his shirt,  
shirt, shirt.

But the "R" doesn't squash the "a"  
and "o" as much:



Stop the **storm**!

The **storm** will get

my **car**, my **arm**

and my **shark** too wet.

THE END