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WEEK 4 • LEVEL B — /OW/ SPELLED OW, /ER/ SPELLED IR & ER, & IRREGULAR VERBS

Building Spelling Skills

Phonological Study: Diphthong /ow/ (spelled ow), vocalic r /er/ (spelled ir and final er), irregular past tense (begin / began), and homophones (allowed / aloud).

/ow/ SPELLED OW • /er/ SPELLED IR • BEGIN / BEGAN

1 Read each word aloud, observe primary stress (') and syllable breaks (*), and copy neatly:

WORDS 1 – 5

/OW/ WORDS

1. now
2. how
3. how•'ev•er
4. down
5. brown

WORDS 6 – 10

/OW/ & /ER/

6. town
7. al•'low
8. 'pow•er
9. 'dirt•y
10. bird

WORDS 11 – 15 + HOMO

/ER/, VERBS & HOMO

11. girl
12. third
13. first
14. be•'gin
15. be•'gan
- H1. al•'lowed / ...

2 Sort the spelling words into all 6 matching phonics rules (including Debt Rules):

RULE 1 • /ow/ SPELLED ow THAT WE MAY USE AT THE END OF ENGLISH WORDS

3 WORDS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

RULE 2 [Deb] • /ow/ CAN BE SPELLED ow, ou, AND augh

3 WORDS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

RULE 3 • /er/ SPELLED ir

5 WORDS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

RULE 4 [Deb] • /er/ CAN BE SPELLED er, ir, or (AFTER w), ur, ear, our

2 WORDS

1. _____
2. _____

RULE 5 • /er/ SPELLED er AT THE END OF A MULTI-SYLLABLE WORD

2 WORDS

1. _____
2. _____

RULE 6 • began IS AN IRREGULAR PAST TENSE

2 WORDS

1. _____
2. _____

3 Homophones Practice: Complete each sentence with *allowed* or *aloud*:

1. The teacher asked him to read the exciting story _____ to the whole class.
2. Pets are not _____ inside the grocery store without a special guide pass.

SPELLING RULES TO REMEMBER • WEEK 4 LEVEL B

Rule 1

/ow/ spelled ow that we may use at the end of English words

Rule 2 [Deb]

/ow/ can be spelled ow, ou, and augh

Rule 3

/er/ spelled ir

Rule 4 [Deb]

/er/ can be spelled er, ir, or (after w), ur, ear, our

Rule 5

/er/ spelled er at the end of a multi-syllable word

Rule 6

began is an irregular past tense

WEEK 4 • LEVEL B — MASTER LINGUISTIC BREAKDOWN & DICTATION KEY

Teacher Edition

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Comprehensive Linguistic & Phonics Matrix (15 Target Words + 2 Homophones):

WORD	WEBSTER	IPA	PHONICS PATTERN	LINGUISTIC & TEACHING NOTES
now	now	/nəʊ/	Diphthong /ow/ spelled ow	Word-final position; diphthong rule
how	how	/haʊ/	Diphthong /ow/ spelled ow	Word-final position; interrogative adverb
however	how-ěv'ěr	/haʊ'ev.ər/	Compound word; /ow/ + /er/	Stress on 2nd syllable; -er at word end
down	down	/daʊn/	Diphthong /ow/ spelled ow	Medial /ow/ before alveolar nasal /n/
brown	brown	/braʊn/	Initial blend br- + /ow/	Color adjective with -own rime
town	town	/taʊn/	Diphthong /ow/ spelled ow	CVC with -own rime
allow	ă-low'	/ə'laʊ/	Prefix al- + /ow/ at word end	Iambic stress on 2nd syllable
power	pəw'ər	/'paʊ.ər/	/ow/ + final /er/ in multi-syllable	Trochaic stress on 1st syllable
dirty	děrtĕ	/'dɜ:r.ti/	/er/ spelled ir + final -y (/ĕ/)	Trochaic stress; ir vocalic r
bird	běrd	/bɜ:rd/	Vocalic r /er/ spelled ir	Single-syllable root with voiced /d/
girl	gĕrl	/gɜ:rl/	Vocalic r /er/ spelled ir	Hard g /g/ + vocalic r + liquid /l/
third	thěrd	/θɜ:rd/	Digraph th- + /er/ spelled ir	Voiceless interdental fricative + /er/
first	fěrst	/fɜ:rst/	/er/ spelled ir + blend -st	Voiceless labiodental + cluster -st
begin	bĕ-gin'	/bɪ'gɪn/	Prefix be- + base root	Present tense; stress on 2nd syllable
began	bĕ-găn'	/bɪ'gæn/	Irregular past tense of begin	Vowel change i -> a (/ɪ/ -> /æ/)
allowed	ă-lowd'	/ə'laʊd/	Past tense of allow (-ed = /d/)	Homophone with aloud; permitted
aloud	ă-lowd'	/ə'laʊd/	Prefix a- + root loud (/ow/ spelled ou)	Homophone with allowed; audibly spoken

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Official Answer Key: Exercise 2 (6 Rules Sorting) & Exercise 3 (Homophones):

EXERCISE 2: ALL 6 RULES SORTING ANSWERS

- Rule 1 (/ow/ spelled ow that we may use at the end of English words): now, how, allow (3 words)
- Rule 2 [Deb] (/ow/ can be spelled ow, ou, and augh): down, brown, town (3 words)
- Rule 3 (/er/ spelled ir): dirty, bird, girl, third, first (5 words)
- Rule 4 [Deb] (/er/ can be spelled er, ir, or (after w), ur, ear, our): however, power (2 words)
- Rule 5 (/er/ spelled er at the end of a multi-syllable word): however, power (2 words)
- Rule 6 (began is an irregular past tense): begin, began (2 words)

EXERCISE 3: HOMOPHONES ANSWERS

1. **aloud:** "The teacher asked him to read the exciting story **aloud** to the whole class."

2. **allowed:** "Pets are not **allowed** inside the grocery store without a special guide pass."

**Teaching Tip: 'allowed' is past tense of allow (permitted); 'aloud' means spoken audibly.*

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Classroom Dictation Sentences (Evaluation of Spelling in Context):

SENTENCE 1 (TARGET: FIRST, GIRL, ALLOW, BIRD, DOWN)

"The **first** **girl** will **allow** the little **bird** to fly **down**."

SENTENCE 2 (TARGET: HOW, BROWN, DIRTY, TOWN)

"**How** did the **brown** dog get so **dirty** in **town**?"

SENTENCE 3 (TARGET: BEGAN, THIRD, POWER, HOWEVER)

"We **began** our **third** lap with great **power** **however** tired we were."

SENTENCE 4 (TARGET: ALOUD, NOW, BEGIN)

"Please read the lesson **aloud** **now** so we can **begin**."