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WEEK 14 • LEVEL A SPELLING LIST

Focus: /or/ Spelled <or> • /ow/ Spelled <ou> (Medial) • [Deb] Silent <h> in hour • Homophone Trios

15 Words + 3 Homophone Sets

1 Orthographic Handwriting Practice: Read each word aloud, trace its phonic pattern, and write it cleanly twice.

/OR/ SPELLED <OR> (WORDS 1–5)

1 or _____

2 for _____

3 north _____

4 short _____

5 horse _____

/OW/ SPELLED <OU> (WORDS 6–10)

6 house _____

7 out _____

8 a•bout _____

9 a•round _____

10 found _____

<OU> & [DEB] WORDS (WORDS 11–15)

11 ground _____

12 south _____

13 hour _____

14 oh _____

15 of _____

2 Phonics & Rule Sorting: Sort the 15 spelling words into their phonological categories below.

/OR/ SPELLED <OR> (5 WORDS)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

/OW/ <OU> (1-SYLLABLE) (5 WORDS)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

/OW/ <OU> (2-SYLLABLE) (2 WORDS)

1. _____

2. _____

[DEB] DEBT / IRREGULAR (3 WORDS)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3 Homophone Distinctions: Choose the correct homophone to complete each context sentence.

Sets: for / four • horse / hoarse • hour / our

a. We waited exactly one _____ before _____ teacher opened the science lab.

b. After shouting loudly at the soccer game, his voice sounded scratchy and _____.

c. There are _____ sweet red apples packed in the picnic basket _____ you.

 RULES TO REMEMBER • WEEK 14

Rule 1 & 2 • /or/ Spelled <or> The phonogram or says /or/ (or, for, north, short, horse); /or/ can also be spelled oar, oor, ore, our.

[Deb] Rule 5 • Silent Letters & Irregular Words hour has a silent h; oh ends in silent h; of has f saying /v/.

Rule 3 & 4 • /ow/ Spelled <ou> Use ou for /ow/ that we do not use at the end of English words (house, out, about, around, found, ground, south).

Rule 6 • Homophone Distinctions Differentiate: for/four/fore, horse/hoarse, and hour/our.

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WEEK 14 • LEVEL A • LINGUISTIC KEY & GUIDE

Phonograms <or> and <ou> • Medial Diphthongs • Silent Letters • Dictation Sentences

Answer Key & Dictation

T Linguistic & Phonic Decomposition Table:

#	Word	Pronunciation / IPA	Structure	Orthographic & Teaching Notes
1	or	ôr /ɔːr/	or	Phonogram or says /or/
2	for	fôr /fɔːr/	f + or	/or/ spelled or; homophone with four, fore
3	north	nôrth /nɔːrθ/	n + or + th	/or/ spelled or before unvoiced th
4	short	shôrt /ʃɔːrt/	sh + or + t	Digraph sh- + /or/ spelled or before t
5	horse	hôrs /hɔːrs/	h + or + se	/or/ spelled or; silent-e prevents s ending; homophone with hoarse
6	house	hows /haus/	h + ou + se	/ow/ spelled ou; silent-e prevents single final s
7	out	owt /aut/	ou + t	/ow/ spelled ou at start of word
8	a•bout	ə•bowt' /ə'baʊt/	a + bout	Schwa ə- + /ow/ spelled ou
9	a•round	ə•rownd' /ə'raʊnd/	a + round	Schwa ə- + /ow/ spelled ou before nd
10	found	fownd /faʊnd/	f + ou + nd	/ow/ spelled ou before blend nd
11	ground	grownd /graʊnd/	gr + ou + nd	Blend gr- + /ow/ spelled ou before nd
12	south	sowth /sauθ/	s + ou + th	/ow/ spelled ou before unvoiced th
13	hour [Deb]	owr /aʊər/	h + ou + r	[Deb] Silent h; ou says /ow/; homophone with our
14	oh [Deb]	ō /ou/	o + h	[Deb] Exclamation: o followed by silent h says long /ō/
15	of [Deb]	ūv /ʌv/	o + f	[Deb] Irregular: o says short /u/; f says /v/
H	four	fôr /fɔːr/	f + ou + r	Number 4; homophone with for, fore
H	fore	fôr /fɔːr/	f + o-e + r	Situated in front; homophone with for, four
H	hoarse	hôrs /hɔːrs/	h + oar + se	Rough vocal sound; homophone with horse
H	our	owr /aʊər/	ou + r	Belonging to us; homophone with hour

EXERCISE 2 & 3 VERIFICATION KEY

/OR/ SPELLED <OR>

or for north short horse

/OW/ (1-SYLLABLE)

house out found ground
south

/OW/ (2-SYLLABLE)

about around

[DEB] DEBT WORDS

hour oh of

Exercise 3 Homophones Key: a. hour / our • b. hoarse • c. four / for

D Decodable Dictation Sentences: Read each sentence clearly, focusing on <or>, <ou>, and homophone pairs.

Sentence 1 (horse, south, around, house)

"The brown horse ran south around the big house."

Sentence 2 (found, short, ground, for, four)

"We found four short sticks on the ground for our campfire."

Sentence 3 (about, hour, north)

"We waited about an hour for the north wind to stop."

Sentence 4 (oh, of, out)

"Oh, look at the flock of birds flying out toward the hills."