

STUDENT NAME: _____

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LEVEL: B

Week 17 • Level B Spelling List

Focus: Digraph <wr-> Saying /r/ • Phonogram <augh> (/ăf/ & /aw/) • <our> Saying /ôr/ • Homophones

15 Words + 4 Homophone Sets

1 Orthographic Handwriting Practice: Read each word aloud, observe the silent <w> and phonogram spellings, and write it cleanly twice.

DIGRAPH <WR-> FAMILY (WORDS 1-5)

1 write

2 wri•ter

3 wri•ting

4 hand•wri•ting

5 wrote

<WR-> & <LAUGH> (WORDS 6-10)

6 wrong

7 wreck

8 writ•ten

9 laugh

10 laughed

<AUGH> & <OUR> (WORDS 11-15)

11 laugh•ter

12 caught

13 taught

14 course

15 fourth

2 Phonics & Phonogram Sorting: Group the words by initial digraph <wr->, <augh>, and <our>.

<WR-> + LONG VOWEL (5 WORDS)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

<WR-> + SHORT / BROAD (3 WORDS)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

PHONOGRAM <AUGH> (5 WORDS)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

<OUR> SAYS /ÔR/ (2 WORDS)

1. _____

2. _____

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

Pairs: right/write • rote/wrote • coarse/course • forth/fourth

a. It is always _____ to practice neat cursive when you _____ a letter.

b. Instead of learning solely by _____ drill, the author _____ thoughtful explanations.

c. The sailboat captain charted a steady _____ around the jagged, _____ coastal reef.

d. On the _____ day of July, marching bands stepped briskly _____ down Main Street.

RULES TO REMEMBER • WEEK 17

Rule 1 • Digraph <wr-> Says /r/ The digraph wr is used only at the beginning of a word or base; the w is silent (write, wrong, wreck, written).

Rule 2 • Dual Sounds of <augh> In laugh, laughed, laughter, augh says rare short /ăf/. In caught, taught, augh says broad /aw/.

Rule 3 • Phonogram <our> Says /ôr/ In course and fourth, our represents the /ôr/ sound.

Rule 4 • Homophone Clarity Master four pairs: right/write, rote/wrote, coarse/course, and forth/fourth.

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Week 17 • Level B • Linguistic Key & Guide

Digraph <wr> • <augh> /ăf/ & /aw/ • <our> /ôr/ • Dictation Sentences

Answer Key & Dictation

T Linguistic & Syllable Decomposition Table:

#	Word	Pronunciation / IPA	Structure	Orthographic & Teaching Notes
1	write	rīt /raɪt/	wr + i-e + te	Initial digraph wr says /r/; long /i/; homophone with right
2	wri•ter	rī'tər /'raɪ.tər/	wri • ter	Base write drop e + agentive suffix -er
3	wri•ting	rī'tɪŋ /'raɪ.tɪŋ/	wri • ting	Base write drop e + suffix -ing
4	hand•wri•ting	händ'rī'tɪŋ /'hænd ,raɪ.tɪŋ/	hand • wri • ting	Compound noun: hand + writing
5	wrote	rôt /rou/	wr + o-e + te	Initial wr says /r/; irregular past of write; homophone with rote
6	wrong	rông /ron/	wr + o + ng	Initial wr says /r/; o says broad /aw/ before ng
7	wreck	rĕk /rek/	wr + e + ck	Initial wr says /r/; ck protects short vowel /ĕ/
8	writ•ten	rīt'n /'rɪt.ən/	writ • ten	Doubled t protects short /ɪ/; past participle
9	laugh	lăf /læf/	l + augh	Rare phonogram: augh says short /ăf/
10	laughed	lăft /læft/	l + augh + ed	Past tense of laugh; suffix -ed says /t/
11	laugh•ter	lăf'tər /'læf.tər/	laugh • ter	Base laugh + noun suffix -ter
12	caught	kôt /kɔ:t/	c + augh + t	Phonogram augh says /aw/ before t; irregular past of catch
13	taught	tôt /tɔ:t/	t + augh + t	Phonogram augh says /aw/ before t; irregular past of teach
14	course	kôrs /kɔ:rs/	c + our + se	Vowel team our says /ôr/; homophone with coarse
15	fourth	fôrth /fɔ:rθ/	f + our + th	Vowel team our says /ôr/; ordinal number 4th; homophone with forth
H	right	rīt /raɪt/	r + igh + t	Correct or opposite of left; homophone with write
H	rote	rôt /rou/	r + o-e + te	Routine or memorization; homophone with wrote
H	coarse	kôrs /kɔ:rs/	c + oar + se	Rough in texture; homophone with course
H	forth	fôrth /fɔ:rθ/	f + or + th	Forward or out; homophone with fourth

EXERCISE 2 & 3 VERIFICATION KEY

<WR> + LONG VOWEL write writer writing handwriting wrote	<WR> + SHORT / BROAD wrong wreck written	PHONOGRAM <AUGH> laugh laughed laughter caught taught	<OUR> SAYS /ÔR/ course fourth
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Exercise 3 Homophones Key: a. right / write • b. rote / wrote • c. course / coarse • d. fourth / forth

D Decodable Dictation Sentences: Read each sentence clearly, focusing on silent <w>, <augh>, and <our>.

Sentence 1 (writer, handwriting, write) "The writer took pride in his neat cursive handwriting."	Sentence 2 (wrote, wrong, written) "He wrote down the directions so nothing would go wrong."
Sentence 3 (taught, laughed, laughter) "The teacher taught the children while they laughed with cheerful laughter."	Sentence 4 (caught, fourth, course) "She caught the fourth ball during the outdoor training course."