Checking on the Surf

Teacher Instructions

Phonics Focus: One-syllable words with all of the r-controlled vowels

WARM-UP WORDS* ♥ too

DECODABLE PASSAGE

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Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY Burst, sprinted, surf, swell, too

QUESTIONS

What words tell you that Marla is excited?

Why did Dad hesitate about allowing Marla to go surf?

Why would Marla not be allowed to surf if the swell is too strong?

How did Marla convince her dad to check the surf?

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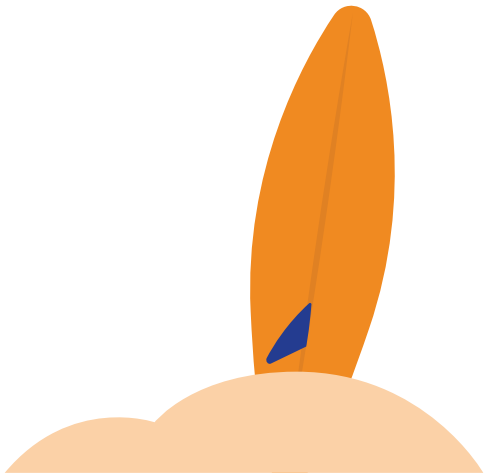
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Phonics Focus: One-syllable words with r-controlled vowels: 'ar'

WARM-UP WORDS* **car** **far** **farm** **hard** **part** **start** ♥ our *saw*

DECODABLE PASSAGE

The farm has a big red barn at the edge of the yard. Our family of six lives there with many pets. We have a dog, two cats, seven pigs, and a flock of ducks. 17 32 35

There is a lot for us to do! We start at six. 47

Carla has to watch the flock and give them pellets for lunch. 59

Mark has to wash the pigs. The pigs dig far into the mud. Yuck! They are such a mess! 74 78

Art has to cut the fallen branches into small chunks. He has a big saw to help with this job. 93 98

Mom spins yarn into hats and scarves. 105

The dog thinks his job is to be the family's alarm. When anyone comes into the yard, he barks a warning. 119 126

The cats catch any rats that are in the barn. 136

Dad fills up the car with items and goes to the farmers market. He sells eggs, ham, hats, and scarves. 150 156

Living on the farm can be hard, but we all do our part. 169

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY Barn, farm, flock, pellets, alarm

QUESTIONS

What are two jobs that the family members do?

Why does Dad go to the farmers market?

When does the dog bark?

What does doing your part mean?

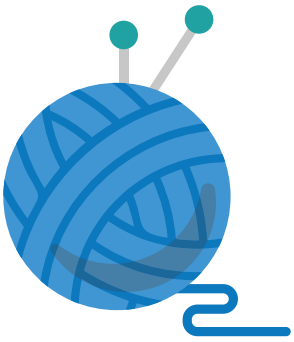
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Murl and the Robin

Teacher Instructions

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WARM-UP WORDS* **bird** **first** **hurt** ♥ been *door* *knock*

DECODABLE PASSAGE

Murl was a nurse at the hospital. Every day at lunch, she walked to a shop to get a sub. 16 20

Chirp! Chirp! Chirp! A robin had fallen from the nest. When it fell, the baby bird hurt its wing. 35 39

Murl was the first person to stop and check on the robin. When she saw it, she had to help. She needed a box. She saw a church and went to the door and knocked. Irvin, the clerk, had a box. Murl thanked him and ran back to the bird. 55 72 86 89

Murl put her scarf in the bottom of the box. Then she picked up the bird from where it was perched on the curb. It jerked and curled its wings. She set the bird in the box to let it rest. There was a vet by the lunch spot. Murl had been there before. The vet was very kind. She washed the wing to get rid of the germs. Then she set the wing in a firm cast. 105 120 139 154 167

The robin was lucky that Murl had been walking by and helped. 179

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY clerk, firm, jerked, perched

QUESTIONS

What do you know about Murl from this story?

What happened to the bird?

What two other people helped Murl with the bird?

Why was the robin lucky?

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Ports and Harbors

Teacher Instructions

Phonics Focus: Multisyllable words with r-controlled vowels: ‘or’ and ‘er’

WARM-UP WORDS* ♥ busy ♥ water

DECODABLE PASSAGE

Ports and harbors are both spots on the water where ships and vessels go to dock, but they are different. 14 20

Ports are for ships that transport cargo and travelers. At ports that transport cargo, men and women are often busy doing hard labor. It is common to see them running forklifts. The forklifts help transfer big boxes from the ship. They stack those boxes in an orderly manner on the dock. 32 45 57 71

At ports that transport travelers, there are big ships and small ships for travelers. The travelers are often going on trips that you cannot get to by land. 84 97 99

At a harbor, you will see both big and small vessels. Men and women often park there to get off and have some fun. Some also park the vessels there to protect them in the winter. On some docks in a harbor, you can see kids fishing or fishermen unpacking the catch from the day. 114 129 145 154

Both ports and harbors are important to folks who do work or have fun on the water. 169 171

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY Port, harbor, labor, transport, cargo, transfer, vessels

QUESTIONS

What are some things you may see at a port?

What are some things you may see at a harbor?

What do forklifts do at a port?

Would you go to a port or a harbor if you were going to take a trip to Alaska by boat?

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Running Partners

Teacher Instructions

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WARM-UP WORDS* **after** **every** **over** **better** **together** **never** **first** **under** **her** ♥ pretty

DECODABLE PASSAGE

Bertha and her sister, Nora, have been running partners for as long as they both can remember. They run together every morning. They try to never miss a day.

One day after their run, the girls were hungry and very thirsty. Bertha and Nora had a number of spots over by the river that they went to often for lunch. The Fresh Farmer is the one next to the park and is a bit further, but it is the best.

The menu has yogurt, tarts, salads, sandwiches, and burgers. Everything they have is superb. Bertha ordered first. She got a salad to help give her some energy. Nora ordered a sandwich to help fill her up. They both felt so much better afterwards.

They went over to sit on soft, pretty chairs on the deck. The girls watched furry squirrels run under the deck. They were glad they were not the ones running.

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY further, superb, energy

QUESTIONS

When and how often do the girls run?

Where is The Fresh Farmer?

What did the girls order for lunch?

Why did they enjoy watching the squirrels?

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Stormy the Horse

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WARM-UP WORDS* **important** **morning** **story** ♥ horse ♥ only

DECODABLE PASSAGE

This is Thorn’s story of the morning Stormy was born. 10

“The horse was going to be born in the grassy yard, but we had to switch plans. There was a bad storm, so the horse had to be birthed in a stall. The walls of the barn were shuddering in the strong winds. The horse was standing in her stall and she was not doing well. She was frantic. 26 43 56 69

I was thinking I needed some support to help this horse relax. All of a sudden, Jamar and Ford ran into the barn. They had a carpet for her to rest on. We quickly swept the stall and washed out the dirt. We put the carpet in the corner of her stall. Her comfort was very important to us all. Then we all gathered next to the horse and offered her support until the baby was born. 84 99 114 129 143 146

That baby was strong! When he got here, he got up so fast. We call him Stormy. He is our baby horse that was born in a storm.” Thorn grinned. 162 176

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY shuddering, stall, comfort, frantic

QUESTIONS

Who is telling the story about the horse’s birth?

What was the original plan for the birth and how did it change?

What was the weather like?

How did the people help the horse?

Why did they name the baby horse Stormy?

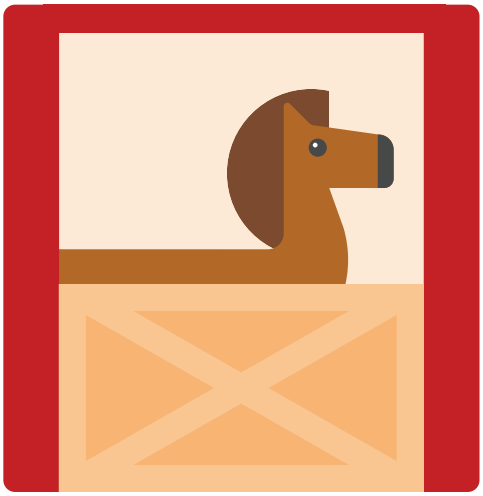
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A Girl Named Shirl

Teacher Instructions

Phonics Focus: 'er', 'ir', and 'ur'

WARM-UP WORDS* wasn't said perched

DECODABLE PASSAGE

There was a girl named Shirl in the first grade. 10
Shirl had curls and dressed in skirts that twirled. 19
Shirl was good at surfing. 24
She spent a lot of time on the waves. 33
When she wasn't surfing, Shirl liked to look at birds in the trees. 46
Shirl liked it when the birds chirped. 53
One day, she saw a bird perched on a branch. 63
Shirl could tell that the bird was hurt. 71
Shirl took the bird to the vet. 78
The vet said the bird had hurt its wing. 87
The vet kept the bird and on the third day, he called Shirl. 100
He told Shirl the bird was better and that he let it go. 113
Shirl was glad the vet helped the bird. 121

Language Comprehension Extension

QUESTIONS TO ASK ORALLY

What does Shirl look like?

What are some things Shirl likes to do?

What would you do if you found a hurt bird?

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Thor and Greg

Teacher Instructions

Phonics Focus: 'or'

WARM-UP WORDS* watched saw before

DECODABLE PASSAGE

Thor and Greg are twins. 5
They were born on the same day. 12
Thor and Greg like to play sports. 19
They like to read on the porch. 26
They like to read about ships. 32
One day, Thor and Greg took a trip up north to a port. 45
They sat and watched as a ship honked its horn and came into the port. 60
They had pork and corn for lunch. 67
They saw two more ships come into the port. 76
Then it looked like a storm was on the way. 86
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Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY port, porch, twins

QUESTIONS

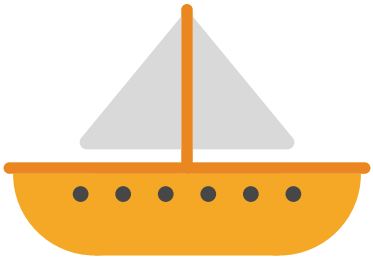
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What did they do at the port?

Do you like when it storms? Why or why not?

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To the Farm

Teacher Instructions

Phonics Focus: 'ar'

DECODABLE PASSAGE

Barb and Viv went for a ride in Barb's new car.	11
They drove to Mark's farm.	16
The farm was not far.	21
They got to the farm and parked the car.	30
It was hard to find Mark on the big farm.	40
Mark came out of the barn and said, "Here I am!"	51
Barb said, "I was starting to think you had left the farm!"	63
Viv said, "We came to see the harvest!"	71
Mark marched Barb and Viv all over the farm to see his harvest.	84
He said he was going to take the harvest to the market.	96
It was starting to get dark.	102
Barb and Viv said it was time to go.	111
Mark said, "See you next time you come to the farm!"	122

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY

harvest

QUESTIONS TO ASK ORALLY

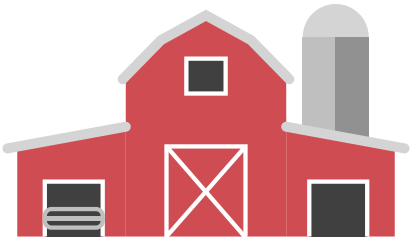
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What did they do at the farm?

Have you ever been to a farm? If so, what did you see on the farm?

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The Art Party in the Garden

Teacher Instructions

Phonics Focus: Multisyllable words with r-controlled vowels: 'ar'

WARM-UP WORDS* **garden** **party** ♥ once

DECODABLE PASSAGE

Martin is an artist. He has pretty canvases of all kinds of subjects, like animals and harvested crops. Once a lady told him his shark canvas was "simply perfect." That made him very happy.

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At the party, Lara will serve tarts with jam and cartons of milk. She had to go to the market to get the items. Shopping was the part of planning that was hard for Lara. She had to rush to stay on track, so she set her alarm. She filled her shopping cart quickly with the stuff and went to the park.

The party was a hit. Martin sold thirty canvases and was asked to do more. Lara told lots of folks about the garden and how to help with it.

It was a fun party!

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY harvested, canvas, market, tart, serve

QUESTIONS

What were Martin and Lara going to do at the party?

Where is the party?

Why did Lara set an alarm on her watch?

How did the party go?

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The Forts

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Phonics Focus: One-syllable words with r-controlled vowels: ‘or’

WARM-UP WORDS* **corn** **or** **short** ♥ who *chair*

DECODABLE PASSAGE

Arno and Bart want to set up forts on the porch. 11

Arno picks the spot by the chairs. Bart gets thick pads, thin tarps, soft blankets, and quilts. 25 28

It is a big project. They hang a string across one end of the porch. They stretch quilts across the string. They set boxes of Dad’s corn on the corners to prevent the quilts from falling or flying away. 44 57 67

When the kids finish with the fort, they honk a horn. Bart yells, “Who wants to come and see our fort?” 81 88

The family all come to the porch. They study its form. Bart and Arno have some skill! 103 105

When they finish with the fort, they jump on it. It crashes! The fort gets torn up and smashed. Bart and Arno grin and start to think of what fort to set up next. Will it be tall or short? Where will the next one be? We will see! 120 136 154

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY corn, or, short

QUESTIONS

What do Arno and Bart love to do?

Why do they honk the horn?

What are the family members impressed with about the fort?

What do Arno and Bart do when they are done with the fort?

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