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A single vowel followed by *r* is neither long nor short. The *r* gives the vowel before it a different sound. When *or* follows *w*, it also has the sound heard in *work*.

ar
dark

er
term

ir
third

or
north
worse

ur
hurt

The spelling *ear* has three sounds: year wear earn

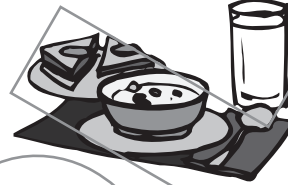
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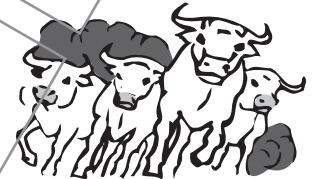
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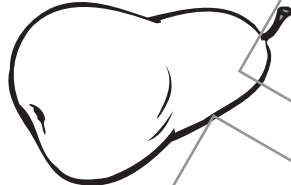
lurk lunch



held herd



beard bead



peas pear



wool world



peak pearl

Read the paragraph below. On each line, write one of the words given below it.

Have you ever seen a shooting _____? The best time to
(star, stack)
_____ this _____ event is on a
(observe, object) (remarkable, remainder)
_____, _____ winter night. Shooting stars
(clear, clean) (dark, deck)
are better _____ meteors. These lumps of rock and metal are
(carved, called)
fragments of comets that _____ around the sun. When they
(whirl, while)
come too close to the _____, they _____ in
(each, earth) (burn, bunk)
the atmosphere. All you see is a fiery _____.
(tear, trail)

The suffixes *-ion*, *-sion*, *-ation*, and *-ition* mean "the action of doing" or "the state of being."

direction

adoration

The suffixes *-able* and *-ible* mean "able to" and "able to be."

avoidable

responsible

Underline the suffix in each word below. Then write the base word. Use a dictionary to check the spelling if necessary.

1. relaxation _____

4. returnable _____

2. reversible _____

5. repetition _____

3. protection _____

6. payable _____

Complete the paragraph below by adding *-ion*, *-sion*, *-ation*, *-ition*, *-able*, or *-ible* to the word given below each line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

When we moved to our farm, the barn was old and in great

_____. During a close _____, Dad found a lot
(confuse) (inspect)

of metal. My first _____ was that he had found trash. But Dad's
(react)

_____ of the pile was "scrap." His _____ was
(define) (explain)

that we would recycle it. "We'll be making a _____ to
(contribute)

the environment," he said. The different kinds of metal weren't

_____ to me, but Dad knew them. The _____
(recognize) (sense)

thing to do was to put them in different piles. Our _____ was
(conclude)

that we could get money for the metal from a scrap yard.