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Ages 8 - 9**

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to Literacy Excellence

✱ An intensive language study program

✱ For students with a spelling
& reading age of 8-9 years

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ee sound "ee" e.g. tree	k sound "k" e.g. king	er sound "er" e.g. her
sweet sneeze steel bleed asleep	kept skipped skill koala kangaroo	person verb were afternoon wonderful

- a) Copy the list words out into three columns as above. Write the sound (**in bold**) in a different colour, or underline it.
- b) Choose eight list words and use them in sentences. You may put more than one list word into a sentence.
- c) Write the list words that fit these clues:
- An explosion of air.
 - The part of speech (*noun, verb, adjective, adverb*) that means something you can do.
 - An individual.
 - Another word for fantastic.
- d) *Plural*: There are five people; *Single*: There is one _____.
- e) Copy these words and write their opposite (*antonym*) from the list:
morning, awake, sour, awful.
- f) Rearrange the letters of "skill" to make another word, e.g. reed = deer.
- g) Write the **k** list words in alphabetical order.
- h) Write another two letters that, when put together, make an "ee" sound.
- i) What word that rhymes with the list word "were" and covers the bodies of marsupials?
- j) In your pads, write out the word(s) highlighted in bold in this week's **Our Loopy Language**.
- k) Murfee and Cerphi (*pronounced Surfee*) are aliens from the planet Arixon who have lost their way on their journey through space in their rocket ship. Each week they will visit you while exploring our planet, Earth. They are still learning our language and will need help with the list words that you will need to fill in.
- l) Copy these sentences out exactly and fill appropriate list words into the spaces.
Their ship landed in Australia first. As they walked down the ramp they saw a _____ grazing in a field and a _____ up in a gum tree fast _____.

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Were is pronounced "wer" but if you add an "h" to make it **where** it is pronounced "wair". **Wonderful** is pronounced "wunderful" but in **wander**, the "o" sound is made with an "a".

ea sound "ee" e.g. tree	c sound "k" e.g. king	ir sound "er" e.g. her
beach tease reason speak sneak	doctor scary record picnic second	bird first thirteen thirsty birthday

- a) Copy the list words out into three columns as above. Write the sound (**in bold**) in a different colour, or underline it.
- b) Choose eight list words and use them in sentences. You may put more than one list word into a sentence.
- c) Which two list words rhyme with each other? Write any word that you can think of that rhymes with **first**, **scary**, **speak** and **beach**.
- d) Some "ea" words do not make the sound "ee", e.g. head. Write out the "ee" words only from this list:

dream, dreamt, bread, stream, creak, beneath, dead,
beam, least, sweat, squeak.

- e) Put an appropriate list word in front of, or after, these words
e.g. friendly doctor:

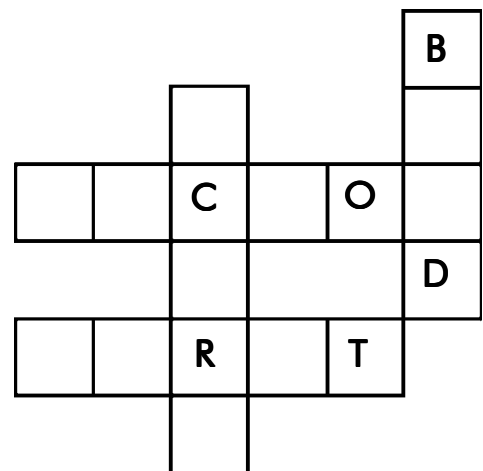
sandy, movie, eighth, bird.

- f) In your pads, write out the word(s) highlighted in bold in this week's **Our Loopy Language**.

- g) Copy this paragraph out exactly and fill appropriate list words into the spaces.

Murfee and Cerphi tried to _____ to a _____ in a tree but it just chirped at them. "I think we'll have to learn bird language too," said Murfee. They walked on and came to a sandy _____, so they had a _____ with sandwiches and a cake that had _____ candles on it.

- h) Fill in the list words that fit this puzzle.



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In the word **circle** the first **c** is an "s" sound and the second **c** is a "k" sound.

mb sound "m" e.g. milk	gg sound "g" e.g. frog	s ss sound "sh" e.g. shop
lamb comb crumb thumb numb	giggle wriggle goggles bigger dragged	sure sugar tissue pressure permission

- a) Copy the list words out into three columns as above. Write the sound (**in bold**) in a different colour, or underline it.
- b) Choose eight list words and use them in sentences. You may put more than one list word into a sentence.
- c) Write one more word for each list above.
- d) Change one letter of these words to make another word: **lamb**, **comb**, **sure**, **giggle**.
- e) Write three "ss" words that have an "s" sound and not a "sh" sound, e.g. *kissed*.
- f) Write the homophone of "sure".
- g) Which list word has a silent "w"? Write another word that has this sound.
- h) Sometimes words need apostrophes (') to show when something belongs to something or someone, that is, to show ownership, e.g. *Murfee's jacket* (the jacket belongs to Murfee). Be careful not to confuse ownership with plurals, e.g. *his thumbs*. Copy these phrases out and place apostrophes where necessary:
- the lambs wool, the toadstools, the crumbs,
the dogs toys, the boys goggles, the girls tissues.
- i) Imagine you are creating a crossword puzzle. Choose four list words and write clues for each.
- j) Write a word that has any double letter in it, e.g. **b** - **bigger**, beginning with each of the following letters:

a, b, d, g, h, l, m, p, s, t, w

- i) In your pads, write out the word(s) highlighted in bold in this week's **Our Loopy Language**.
- l) Copy this paragraph out exactly and fill appropriate list words into the spaces.
- "Are you ____ we eat ____?" asked Cerphi, making a face as he tried some. Murfee ____d at his friend's face as he licked some off his _____. "No I'm not," he responded as his tongue went _____.
- m) Write a conversation between Murfee and Cerphi and yourself where you all say at least three things each. Check the **Student Reference List** for the conversation punctuation rules and try to use different words instead of "said".

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In **absent** the "s" is an "s" sound, in **sugar** it is "sh",
in **Brisbane** it is "z" and in **island**, **isle** and **aisle** it is silent.

lm m sound "m" e.g. milk	gu sound "g" e.g. frog	c ch sound "sh" e.g. shop
calm palm almond tomorrow scramble	guess guilty guard guide guinea pig	ocean special delicious machine parachute

- a) Copy the list words out into three columns as above. Write the sound (**in bold**) in a different colour, or underline it.
- b) Choose eight list words and use them in sentences. You may put more than one list word into a sentence.
- c) Show the two meanings of the word "**palm**" by writing out two sentences.
- d) Unjumble these list words: **trauphace**, **dolman**, **lipsace**.
- e) In the "**gu**" list above, the "**u**" is silent. Write out these words and underline the silent letter in each:
- muscle, **g**herkin, knuckle, autumn, rustle, doubt,
breath, scene, wrist, biscuit.
- f) From the list words find a word to suit each of the clues below:
- An animal.
 - A nut.
 - A large area of water.
 - The antonyms of ordinary, yesterday and frenzied.
- g) Write out some words that rhyme with **palm**, **guess**, **guard** and **guide**. (Note: The spelling can be different.)
- h) Fill in the correct "**m**" sound for these words. (Choose from **m**, **mm**, **mb**.)
- sta ___ er, cli ___ , co ___ edy, welco ___ e, le ___ on, nu ___
- i) In your pads, write out the word(s) highlighted in bold in this week's **Our Loopy Language**.
- j) Copy this paragraph out exactly and fill appropriate list words into the spaces.
- "Mmmm this ___ is ___!" cried Murfee. "Can we go to the ___ to see some seagulls Cerphi?"
- "I ___ it would be pretty ___," mused his friend.
- k) Write a poem with a minimum of six lines using at least one list word. See the **Student Reference List** for notes about poems.

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Sometimes one wonders about the sense of putting seemingly "unnecessary" silent letters in words such as **Wednesday** (wenzday), **raspberry** (rarzberry), **cupboard** (cubbid), **column** (collum), **young** (yung), **receipt** (reseet) and **scissors** (sizzors).