

## Book 10: Surprise Garden



Reading and sorting: words with ar spellings

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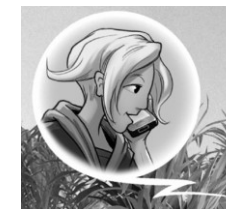
Words with ar

Moon Dogs at Home series  
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Photocopy this page onto card and cut into reading and sorting cards. Store cards in an envelope and stick the label on the front for reference. This activity can be split into two levels by colour coding the spellings on the cards first with highlighter pens. Cards can also be made into a simple matching game by printing on two different colours of card. Select five or six words and place face down on the table. Take it in turns to find the pairs.

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## Colour in the words with ar spellings of the ar sound



salad	trap	party	paddle
car	hard	flatten	splutter
happy	pattern	shark	alarm
horror	park	prop	pretzel
art	farmer	trade	start


Fold this sheet on the dotted line. Read the words in the column on the left. Listen to the sounds in the words. Colour in the lozenges with words that have **ar** spellings of the ar sound. Repeat this in the other columns. Unfold the sheet and check the correct words have been coloured in.

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Timed reading



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start balm yard harp dance dark gasp  
flask starch last harm palm laugh

1st try Time:

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2nd try Time:

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3rd try Time:

This timed reading exercise is for the pupil to improve his/her reading speed and fluency. Ask the pupil to read the words as fast as he/she can. Record the time in the box. Repeat the exercise. This sheet can be cut or folded along the dotted lines to allow for different presentations.

Is it true?



Jed has a garden but he hates gardening. Sim and Jed chat on the phone. Sim's dad has given him six plants. They are all dark green. Jed sends Sim a tiny parcel. There are six big plant pots in the parcel. Sim puts his plants in the pots. He adds a string of lights. The plants look great! He tells Jed it looks like a painting.

There are 7 things in the story above that are not true.  
Can you spot them?

Ask the pupil to read the text carefully and circle any false information that has been planted in the story.

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## 4-in-a-row game



**A game for two players:** Play with two sets of coloured counters or two different sets of coins. Players take turns to read a word and put a counter on it. The winner is the first to get four of his or her counters in a row in any direction. The winner places a counter on a picture of Sim. The game is played four times until all the pictures of Sim are covered.