



Dear Parents,

A frequent cause for spelling errors is the vowel sound found in the last syllable of these words:

war <u>mer</u>	act <u>or</u>	sug <u>ar</u>
peop <u>le</u>	fin <u>al</u>	trav <u>el</u>

The most frequent spelling pattern for the er/or/ar group is er, while le is the most frequent spelling pattern for the le/al/el group. This activity presents words from both groups. Its purpose is to familiarize your child with these spelling patterns, not to memorize the spelling of the words used as examples of the patterns. Begin by having your child read the directions and explain to you what is expected. Then guide your child through the activity. Discuss the answers and the underlined words.

Read each sentence and circle true (T) or false (F). Then underline the words in which the last syllable is spelled: er, or, ar, le, al, or el.

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| T or F | 1. | A calendar tells you that sugar is a flavor that is sweeter than butter. |
| T or F | 2. | A dollar is more than a quarter, a nickel, and several pennies. |
| T or F | 3. | A cattle rancher and a farmer are people who settle in a city center. |
| T or F | 4. | A teacher would tell you that mammal means "a little animal that lives in water." |
| T or F | 5. | A sailor at a harbor may grumble that it is hard labor to lift an anchor. |
| T or F | 6. | A fable is a simple story that teaches the reader a moral. |
| T or F | 7. | A castle in the jungle always has a cellar and a steeple the color of silver. |
| T or F | 8. | A doctor can be a mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, or uncle. |
| T or F | 9. | You may suffer if you travel on a camel without a special leather saddle. |
| T or F | 10. | You could huddle in a tunnel to shelter you from a thunder shower. |
| T or F | 11. | A polar bear at the zoo may prefer winter, rather than summer, weather. |
| T or F | 12. | Correct grammar and proper spelling are critical for an author. |
| T or F | 13. | A kennel is a local hotel for your turtle or rooster. |
| T or F | 14. | The final syllable in kettle is identical to that in gentle. |

On another sheet of paper, have your child sort the underlined words by final—er, or, ar; and le, al, el.

Every child a speller!