

TIP

Sometimes the letters **ear** make the /ir/ sound, as in years and appeared. The letters **ear** can also make the /ər/ sound, as in earnest and earning. Sometimes the /er/ sound can be spelled **are**, as in barely, or **air**, as in stairway.

LIST WORDS

1. searching
2. appeared
3. millionaire
4. silverware
5. compared
6. stairway
7. earthenware
8. carefully
9. barely
10. squares
11. gears
12. earning
13. unfairly
14. unaware
15. earrings
16. earnest
17. research
18. despair
19. questionnaire
20. rehearsal

Spelling Practice

Words with ear, are, and air

Write the **list words** that contain the sound given. You will write one word twice.

ear spells the /ər/ sound, as in earth

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

air spells the /er/ sound, as in chair

7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

are spells the /er/ sound, as in care

12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____

ear spells the /ir/ sound, as in clear

19. _____
20. _____
21. _____

Missing Words

Write the **list word** that completes each sentence.

1. A rescue team is _____ for the lost boy.
2. Mountain bikes are equipped with several _____.
3. She is saving part of the money she is _____ every month.
4. Although the _____ pot was very old, it had no cracks.
5. The younger brother didn't appreciate being _____ to his older brother.
6. The sun was shining while it was showering, and a rainbow _____.
7. I was so sick I could _____ get out of bed.
8. Since she had no idea about the surprise party, it caught her _____.
9. The angry defendant felt that he had been treated _____ by the judge.
10. He gave an _____ and moving speech about his fight with the disease.
11. Members will fill out a _____ to participate in the survey.
12. When the economy is strong, it's easier to become a _____.

Riddles

Choose the **list word** that answers each riddle. Write it on the line. The words in bold are contained in the answers.



1. A **search** for information can be called this._____
2. How to handle a box **full** of dynamite._____
3. What to call **silver** knives, forks, and spoons._____
4. How to describe the attitude of a gloomy **pair** of friends._____
5. If you **are** shapes with four equal sides, you are these._____
6. If **he** needs more practice, this is where he should go._____
7. It's the **way** up to the second floor._____
8. What jewelry for your **ear** can be called._____

Spelling and Writing

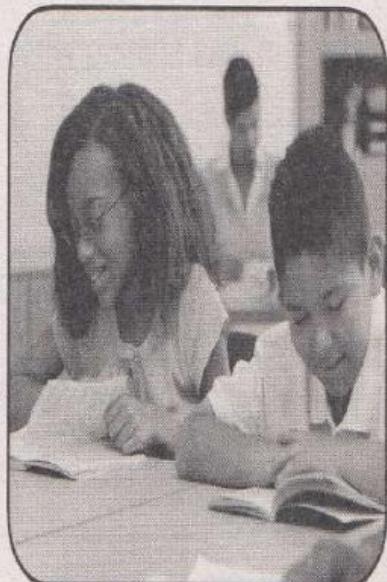
Proofreading

These how-to directions for a Trivia Olympics have eleven mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to correct them. Then, write the misspelled **list words** correctly on the lines.

1. You will need two teams and a a judge.
2. Each team has to reserch five questions for the other team to answer. Start by surching through reference books List the books where the information appaired. Work cairfully
3. Each correctly answered question is worth 50 points
4. Each incorrectly answered question results in the opposite team team ernering a 25-point bonus.
5. At the end of the game, the scores are compard. The team with the most points wins.

Proofreading Marks

- spelling mistake
- add period
- take out something



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____