

REVISION OF SPELLING

Confusing Word Endings

A quick reminder:

Some word endings can sound the same
but are spelt differently.

Here is an example:

Snow White is the best rat in the world.

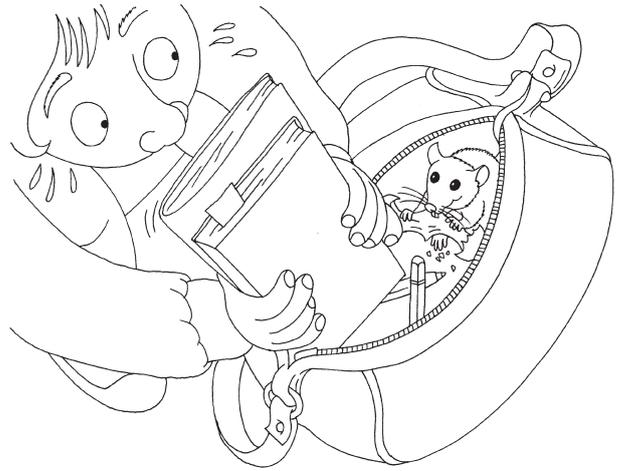
But I didn't mean to bring her to school.

I found her in my bag when I unpacked my books.

She was munching on an **apple** core.

I peered closely to make sure it was S

now White and not some **feral** school rat.



(From *Snow White Super Rat*, Comedy stories, Ziptales)

Look closely at the two words in bold type – *apple* and *feral*. They both end with the same sound but apple has 'le' and feral has 'al'. The word endings 'el' (as in camel) and 'il' (as in pencil) also make the same sound.

EXERCISE 1

Find the correct word ending from the boxes to fill the gaps in the sentences from the story *Snow White Super Rat*.

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1. "Get down," I whispered when she started to nibb__ my hair.

2. "Good morning everyone," I said. "Today I would like to show you this very valuab __ foss __."

3. Snow White started to trav __ towards the door just as the School Princip __ opened it.

4. Being a sensib __ rat, she headed for the nearest refuge. Right up Mr Dingle's trousers.
5. His mouth spread sideways and a huge rumb __ of laughter rolled out of him.
6. "Ooh. Hah," he started to gigg __. "It tick __s!"
7. The Year One class was sitting in a circ __ on the mat.
8. "Eeeek!" cried a Year One, as I watched her scamb __ onto a chair.
9. The others followed, clambering onto a tab __ and climbing the bookshelves.
10. Behind me, a litt __ boy burst into tears. "It's gone," he cried. "My Mickey Mouse penc __ case is gone.
I left it on the floor right next to Sampson."

Choose an ending from the boxes above to finish these words:

fin __ cast __ eag __ ang __ carniv __
 purp __ mod __ chann __ ped __ ank __

EXERCISE 2

It's a similar case for words ending in 'er' (as in *super*), 'ar' (as in *collar*) and 'or' (as in *visitor*). Choose one of these word endings to fill the gaps in the sentences below.

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1. Ms Beaker said, "Come along then. You can be the first speak __."
2. I held up my eras __. "This fossil is the leaf from a rub __ tree," I said in my best scientific voice.
More laught __.
3. The shape had two beady black eyes and white whisk __ s. Snow White!
4. "Pour wat __ on him!" they said. I sure hoped no one in our class had dreams of becoming a doct __.
5. Ms Beaker's heels tip-tapped towards me bringing Snow White clos __ with every step.
6. Basil Thornby grabbed Ms Beaker by the hand and spun her around like a rock'n'roll danc __.

7. Her pointy face soon appeared from und__ his leaping trous__ leg.
8. I was just in time to see her pink tail disappear around the corn__.
9. "Can I help you, Charlie?" asked the Year One teach__ who was holding up a book on reptiles.
10. I felt a warm furry body. Two sharp teeth gently nibbled my fing__s.

Choose an ending from the boxes above to finish these words:

doll __ simil __ toast __ err __ daught __
 roll __ visit __ mirr __ sug __ regul __

Challenge

Word endings that make the sound 'shun' are quite difficult to master. Can you work out which ending goes on the words in these sentences?

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The new bus timetable caused lots of confu_____.

Water pollu_____ is a terrible thing for sea creatures.

The builder is putting an exten_____ on our house.

Jack's uncle is a famous musi_____.

We had a huge celebra_____ for my baby brother's first birthday.

The magi_____ showed us some fantastic tricks.

I think I know the solu_____ to the problem.

Eliza has a wonderful imagina_____.