



Write-in Reader Book 2

Skating on Silver Lake

Learn phonograms that include the letter "r"!



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Things to Know

Acorn has run out of ink! He needs to find some before the snow comes.

Phonogram Practice

These stories help you practice the phonograms "oi" and "oy".

New Words to Learn

spoiler: someone who ruins a surprise

recruit: people who are forced or volunteer to be part of something or a group; to enlist or gather people for a group

husk: the very outer shell or protection for corn or other fruits and seeds

dye: a liquid color used to stain or make things a different color; to dye or stain something

inkwell: an object that holds ink

hulls: a part of the seed or fruit that is surface, skin, or encasing

ploy: a way to get the upper hand by using a plan or strategy on someone

No Ink Left

A cold wind blew through Pine Hollow. The warm sun of summer and fall was gone. The critters of Pine Hollow could no longer enjoy frolicking in crunchy leaf piles nor sailing on Silver Lake -- it was nearing winter and the water was too cold!



Winter was coming soon and many critters finished gathering anything they might need before the snow came. The critters did not want to get trapped in a storm like Dash and Scoot had last year. They all had learned their lesson.



Acorn had to work on his newspaper, *The Shrewd Newsnut*. He did not know what to write. Acorn sat on a stool. He thought and thought and drew pictures and thought some more. All morning he had done this and had yet to come up with an idea. All of Pine

Hollow was busy with work. Critters did not like to read about how hard they worked. They'd get tired and fall asleep! He did not want critters to fall asleep while reading his article!

Tatty was baking but that wasn't news! Dash and Scoot were spending the day with Bert and his family. No exciting news there. Doctor Derby might be doing something exciting but Acorn didn't dare ask the doctor for a newspaper story. The birds searched for things to make their nests warmer in the winter -- more work!



"Work, work, work!" Acorn banged his paw on his table.

Acorn banged again and his glass inkwell fell to the floor. There was a terrible crash and the inkwell broke on the floor. Dark ink, like the color of oil, covered the floor. Acorn hurried to clean up the mess. He could not save the ink -- his only choice was to wipe it up. Acorn hated to waste ink.



Acorn carefully gripped the moist ink-covered cloth. Acorn washed the cloth and squeezed the water out of the cloth. Now the cloth was clean and moist but his paws were stained black.



Acorn looked at his black paws and then at the black spot on his floor. He had to get more ink.

"I can't write my newspaper article without ink." Acorn rubbed his ear. He didn't notice that some of the ink from his paws got onto his ear.

Acorn searched his tree home and couldn't find any ink. He pawed through his attic and couldn't find a single drop of ink -- except the little bit on his own paws.

Acorn searched his attic and looked inside an old oilcan. He rummaged through a box of cowboy hats and corduroy and jean jackets. He found a jar of coins but no ink. Acorn found a box of his toys but no ink. He even found a box of oyster shells and seashells that his grandpa collected. Acorn did not know what to do. He had no ink!

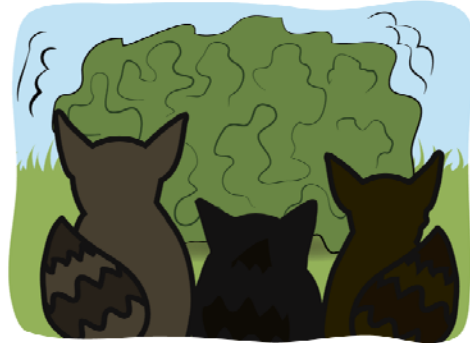




"I'm going to have to make some," Acorn said. "I read somewhere about walnut ink. We have lots of walnuts here in Pine Hollow that will work. I hope I can find some before the snow covers them up!" Acorn ran outside. He was not sure he'd find any outside.

The raccoons saw Acorn hurry down his tree and rush into the bushes. The raccoons were the only critters not busy with work and they were bored.

Swindle pointed at the shaking bush. "Acorn must be looking for something; let's see how we can help," Swindle said.



Bandit liked to come up with the ideas but Swindle beat him to it. Buster did not want to search for any kind of acorn.

The raccoons ran after Acorn. Acorn had found a walnut half-buried in the soil. It was stuck.



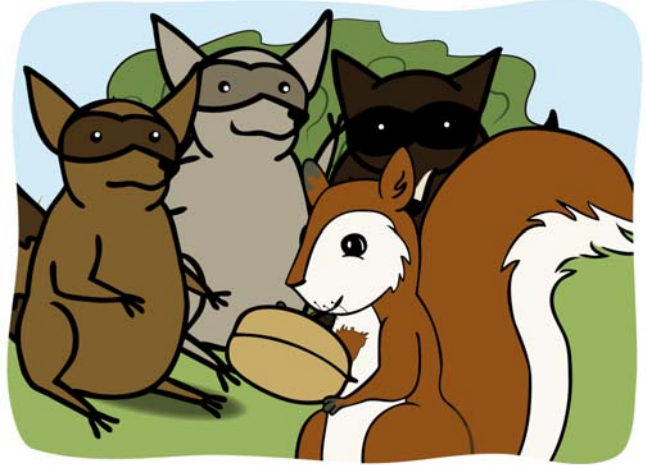
Buster yanked the walnut out of the ground. "Here, Acorn," Buster said. "It's cracked but it will still taste good."

"Thanks," Acorn laughed. "But I'm not going to eat it. I'm going to try to make ink with it."

"Ink?" Bandit asked. "How could any critter make ink out of that?"

"Isn't eating them more fun than making ink out of them?" Swindle scratched his chin. He was not sure about this idea.

"I am sure it works," Acorn said. "I read a book about the colonial days in America and they made ink out of many different nuts and berries. The outer husks of walnuts make great ink. I'm going to need more, though. I'm making ink for my newspaper. I'm all out and if I don't get some now, I won't have any ink for my newspaper all winter!"



"No newspaper stories!" Swindle yelled.

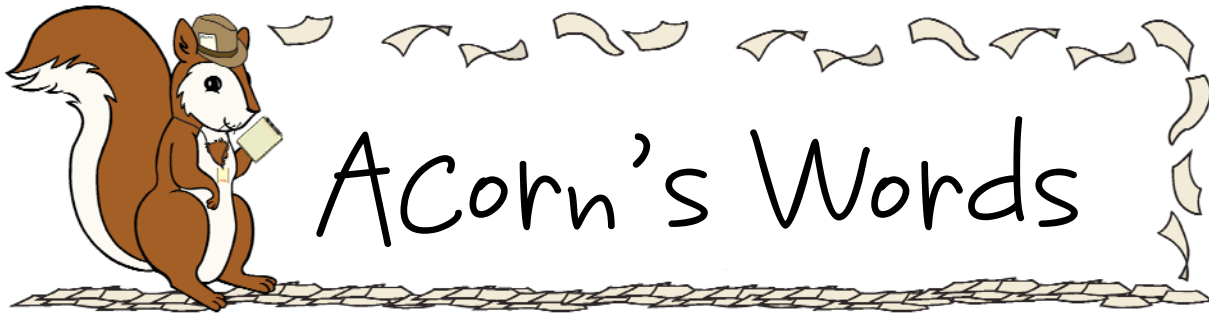
"We'll help, Acorn," Bandit said. Buster nodded too. None of the raccoons wanted to be without Acorn's stories!



Searching for Ink


Acorn searched his attic for ink and didn't find any! Circle the things he did find.





Sound it Out

Sound out the letters to read these "oi" and "oy" words below. Some of these words will be in your reading this week.

joyful	embroil	loyal	boyish	disloyal
point	spoiler	royal	moist	typhoid
annoy	cowboy	choir	oilcan	voyage
noise	joyous	ploy	sirloin	royalty
	deploy	avoid	tinfoil	overjoyed
	choice	coil	oyster	gargoyle
	enjoy	join	decoy	enjoyment
	anoint	voice	recoil	soybean
poison	toilet	hoist	coin	loyalty
employ	destroy	broil	soil	boycott



OY in the Middle.

From the word list above, write the words that have OY in the middle of the word. There are a total of fourteen words from the list above.

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Secret Spelling Words

Sound out the letters to read the spelling words below.

loyal sirloin voyage cowboy droid
 toilet poison royalty corduroy tinfoil





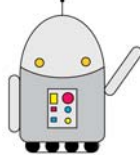
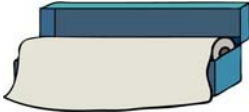



Vocabulary Words

Sound out the letters to read these vocabulary words below. You will practice reading and using these words all week.

hull ploy inkwell recruit
 husk dye spoiler

Write the Word.

Write the word pictured in each box. Each word is part of the story.

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Mixing-Up Some Trouble



After a quick snack, the critters said good-bye to Tatty and left. They had to begin boiling the walnuts.

The raccoons wanted to help make the ink and asked to have the ink made at their house. Acorn agreed. He hoisted the bag of walnuts onto his shoulder and walked with the raccoons to their log house.

The critters soon arrived at the raccoons' house. Bandit started a fire. Buster lifted the heavy pot over the fire. Swindle made sure they had plenty of water.

Acorn had to run and grab the book that had the recipe for walnut ink. It would have been annoying to find out he did it wrong. He didn't have enough nuts; he couldn't make any mistakes!



Doctor Derby saw the critters as he walked to Pine Hollow. He could tell that something was going on. Doctor Derby didn't want to be the spoiler of their fun but wanted to join in.



"Hello, Tatty," Doctor Derby said.

"Hello, Doctor Derby," Tatty smiled.

"So, what have the raccoons and Acorn got cooking?" Doctor Derby asked. "Trouble?"



Tatty giggled. "No, not this time," Tatty said as she coiled some rope around her elbow and paw. Acorn had needed rope to keep his bag of walnuts closed. "They are boiling walnuts to make ink," Tatty finished.

"Hmm," Doctor Derby began. "I think I will join them." Doctor Derby left and Tatty waved good-bye.

Acorn and the raccoons had already begun their project. Acorn had returned with his book. The book told the critters to have the walnut husks boiled in a cheesecloth bag. The critters had already removed the husks from the walnuts and put the husks in the bag. Tatty had stored the walnuts in a cheesecloth bag so the critters were all set. The critters kept the walnuts hulls for later.

The critters watched the big black pot as it slowly boiled. The critters did not see Doctor Derby sneak up behind them. Doctor Derby saw his friends busy with the black pot. He came up with a ploy to scare his friends. He knew the raccoons would love that.

Doctor Derby crept quietly behind his friends. He was just behind their large ears when he yelled, "Boooo!"



Buster, Bandit, Swindle, and Acorn leaped into the air. They screamed! Doctor Derby laughed and said, "I'm here to help."

"Doc!" Buster smiled. "I didn't know you had it in you."



Doctor Derby frowned. "I'm a doctor, Buster, not a -- wait!" Doctor Derby pointed at Buster's mouth.

Bandit and Swindle laughed. Acorn nodded. "Buster made sure the ink worked."

Doctor Derby nodded. "Well, it works just fine," Doctor Derby finished.

"We could use your help, Doctor Derby, but we'll have to wait. This stuff has to boil for a while first," Acorn said.

Doctor Derby and the critters began to take turns playing checkers. A couple of hours later the walnut ink was ready.

The critters looked at the ink in the pot. Doctor Derby lifted the bag of walnut husks out of the pot. The water was black. Acorn looked at his book. The next step was to let the ink boil so it would become thicker. The critters played more checkers.

Not long after that the ink was ready. The critters were eager to stir the warm liquid. Each critter took turns stirring.

The three raccoons were having a great time. Doctor Derby was fun! The raccoons



silently scurried away. They made a tight circle and began to whisper and chatter. Trouble and black ink were being stirred up.

What could the raccoons be scheming?

Hats, Scarves, & Mittens

It was Christmas time in Pine Hollow. Tatty loved this time of year.

Tatty looked through her frost-covered window. Yesterday, the sun warmed the snow on the branches of her tree. The snow dripped on her window and that night the cold air froze it again. Tatty saw the fuzzy shapes of Buster, Bandit, and Swindle through her window. Tatty wanted to open her window and say hello but her window was frozen shut. Tatty laughed and ran out to see her friends.



"Hello," Tatty said and coughed. It was tough running through the deep, damp snow. The raccoons said hello. "What are you three doing today?"

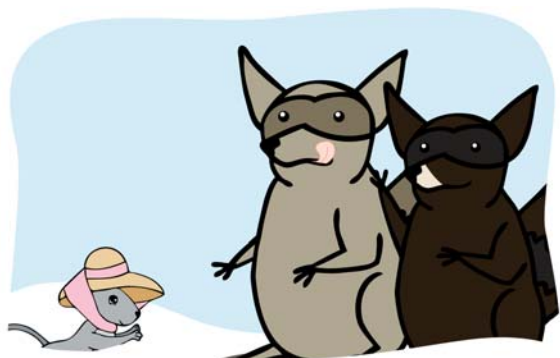
"We're going to Silver Lake," Buster said.

"We want to see if it's frozen yet," Swindle said.

"It is fun to break through to the seaweed below. Sometimes it comes out of the water like an icicle," Bandit said.

Buster licked his lips and said, "Yup, seaweed is yummy when it is partially frozen."

Tatty thought a moment. "It is too early in the winter for the lake to freeze," Tatty said.



"It is?" Swindle asked.



Tatty nodded. "It won't freeze until after Christmas," Tatty added.

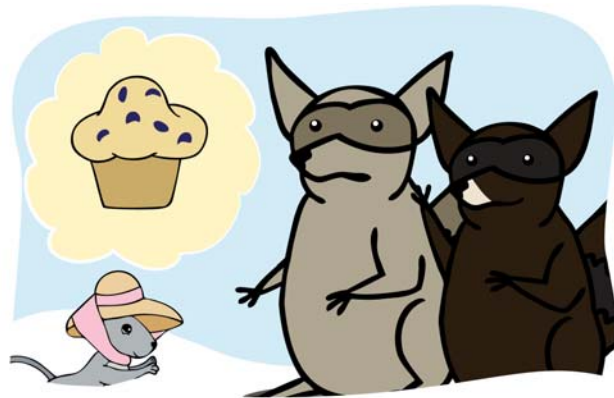
Buster grumbled. "I was really looking forward to eating the seaweed icicle," Buster said in a rough voice. Buster couldn't stop thinking about chewing and crunching on the frozen seaweed icicle.

"Well, I guess we're stuck, caught without a thing to do. Do you need help, Tatty?" Bandit asked.

"Well, no," she said. "I have made some muffin dough. You could have some once they are done baking," Tatty said thoughtfully. She felt bad that Buster couldn't have his special treat.

"Does the dough have berries in it?" Buster asked. "I love muffins with berries in them. All muffins ought to have berries."

"I have some but I need to save them for my Christmas baking. I don't have enough to use some now," Tatty sighed.



"Then we'll look for some then," Bandit said.

"Yes, let's!" Tatty smiled. "Oh, we should wear hats, gloves, and scarves. We will wish we had brought them later. It will get colder, I am sure!"

Swindle rubbed his shoulders as a cold wind blew through Pine Hollow. Swindle laughed. "I think you're right, Tatty."

Tatty and the raccoons ran back to their homes to grab their winter stuff. They soon returned with their hats, gloves, and scarves on. They were all ready to begin looking for berries.

Tatty couldn't help but remember last Christmas. Chirp had met the raccoons during a berry fight. The three raccoons were throwing berries at each other. They had already eaten their fill of berries and had wasted the rest by throwing them at each other.

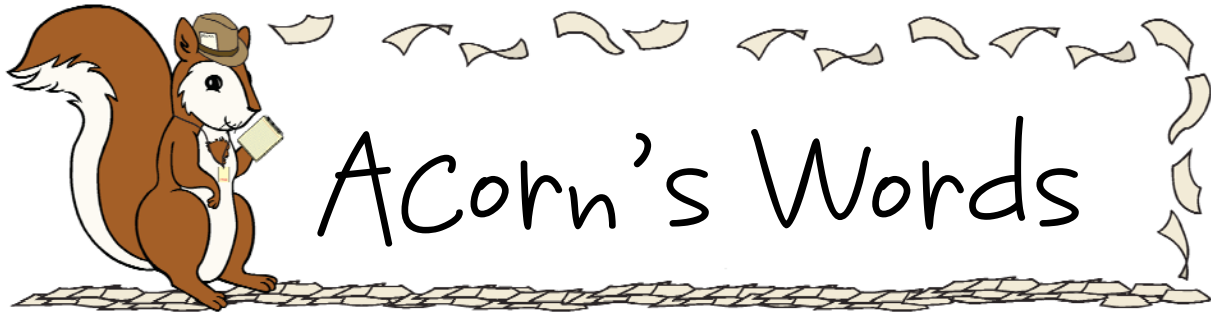
The critters walked, searched, talked, and laughed. Their laughter filled the forest. The critters were glad they had brought their warm winter stuff. It was cold out. The warm sun that shone yesterday had disappeared. The sky was gray-white and filled with clouds.



Tatty wore her hat with her pink sash. She had also wrapped a red scarf around her neck. Tatty was glad she had made her new mittens, too. Her new mittens were extra warm. Her mittens were pink with a red heart sewn onto each mitten.



The raccoons were also glad for their warm winter stuff. Swindle wore a green and white striped hat and scarf. He also wore green mittens. Buster wore a blue hat and a blue scarf. Buster's blue scarf had purple circles, too. Buster's mittens were purple. Bandit had a bright red hat on his head and red mittens on his paws. He had a scarf, too. His scarf was red with a white snowman at each end of the scarf. The critters hadn't found any berries yet, but they were warm in their



Sound it Out

Sound out the letters to read these "augh" and "ough" words below. Some of these words will be in your reading this week.

cough	fought	thought	daughter
laugh	doughnut	naughty	although
ought	taught	though	roughhouse
caught	enough	bought	thorough
dough	through	laughed	toughness
rough	laughter	roughly	thoughtful
tough	brought	drought	breakthrough

Circle the Right Word.

Read the sentence and circle the word that correctly finishes the sentence.

- The critters didn't want to get _____ in the snow.
taught caught bought
- Tatty didn't have _____ berries for her muffins.
rough though enough
- Buster's _____ were filled with frozen seaweed icicles.
laughter thoughts thoughtful





Secret Spelling Words

Sound out the letters to read the spelling words below.

laugh rough caught tough doughnut
 cough taught enough thought daughter

Vocabulary Words

Sound out the letters to read these vocabulary words below. You will practice reading and using these words all week.

bough skitter sparse helpless thoughtless pelt

Write the Words.

From your spelling list above write the four words that say the "aw" sound of AUGH and OUGH. Copy the word several times onto each line.

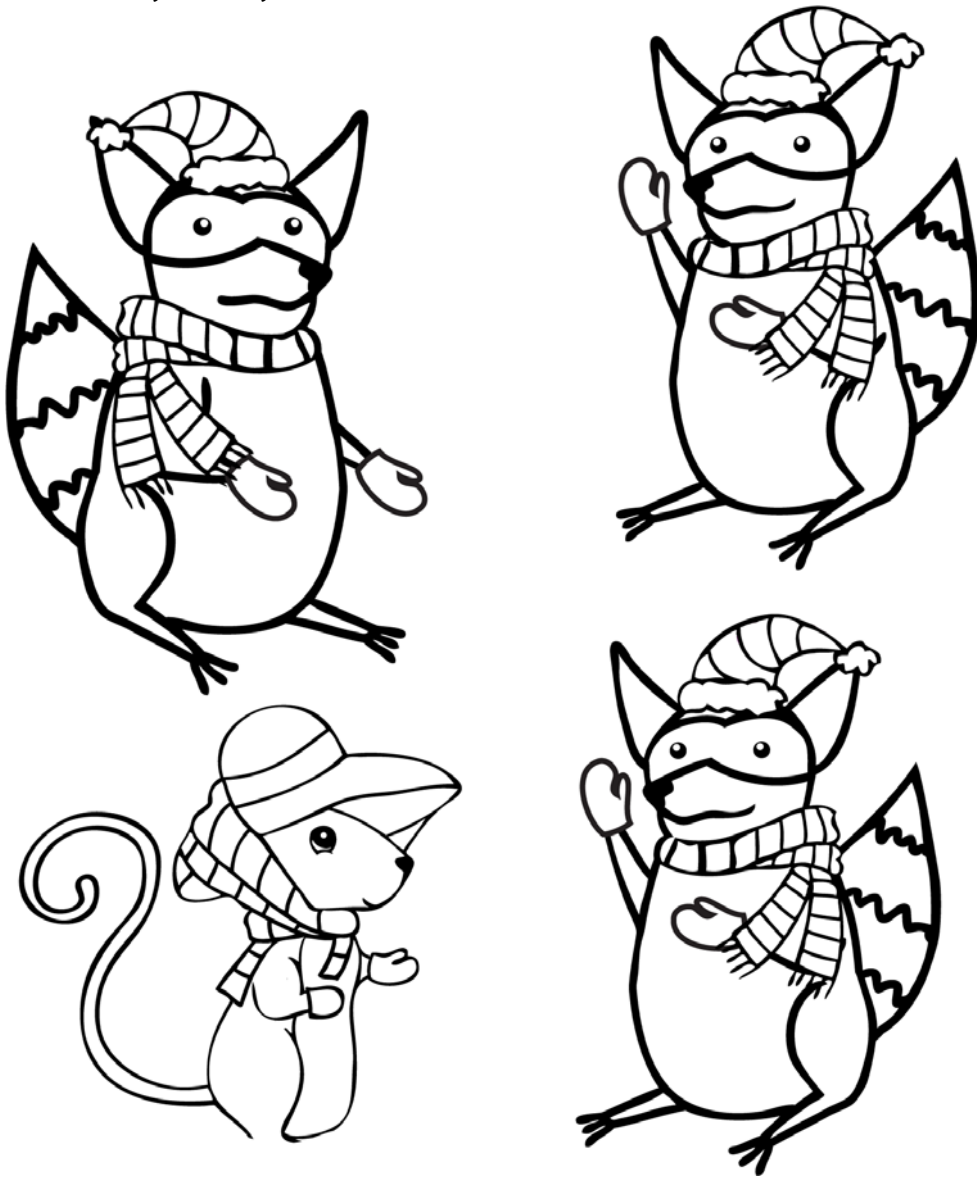
Four sets of handwriting lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.





Warm Winter Stuff.

From today's story color Tatty and the three raccoons as they are dressed in their winter clothes. Color and draw the winter scarves, hats, and mittens as they are described in today's story.





A Christmas Play

Christmas was almost here. The critters could not wait.

Autumn had the idea to write a play for the critters in Pine Hollow. Christmas plays were great fun. Autumn couldn't resist the opportunity to see her friends act out her play.


Autumn told Bristle her idea. Bristle was

awestruck; he loved the idea! The two critters then told Acorn their idea. Acorn said that they ought to put a notice in his newspaper about the Christmas play. Autumn agreed. Acorn quickly wrote the Christmas play into his newspaper. He put it on the front page.

 **The Shrewd Newsnut** 

Christmas is almost here! This year Autumn is putting on a Christmas play for the critters of Pine Hollow. All critters are invited! The play is Christmas Day at the three aunts' house.

Any critter eager to act or help make costumes talk to Autumn or one of the three aunts.



Acorn, Autumn, and Bristle passed out the newspaper to every critter in Pine Hollow. The critters thought the Christmas play was an awesome idea! All of Pine Hollow rang with talk and excitement. Tatty, Button Bunny, and the three raccoons walked into all of this noise.

There wasn't a single pause or stop in the excitement.



Button Bunny gawked at the noisy critters. She wasn't sure about Pine Hollow; it seemed too noisy for her.

Tatty was awed by the noise. She hoped her friends wouldn't scare Button Bunny away.



The raccoons saw Acorn with a stack of newspapers. They ran to Acorn. They had to find out what was going on. Acorn's paws were full of newspapers. "Buster, Swindle, Bandit, here you must take one," Acorn said.

"Why is everyone so -- well," Buster began.

"It's in the newspaper, Buster," Bandit said. "Let's show it to Tatty, she'll just love it!"



"I wonder what Buster, Bandit, and Swindle have found out," Tatty said.

Button Bunny nodded and hid a yawn. She was exhausted. She wanted to sprawl out on a comfy bed and sleep.

The raccoons returned. Bandit read the newspaper article aloud. Tatty became excited and even Button Bunny smiled.

"What is the play about?" Tatty asked.

"We tried to find out. Everyone is trying but Autumn won't tell!" Buster said. "Only the critters in the play will know; the rest of us have to wait!"



"It's awful!" Swindle said. "It's awful to have to wait!"

"There is a lot of squawking and noise going on in Pine Hollow," Bristle said as he walked toward the gathered group. "I think they all want a part in Autumn's play. I didn't know a Christmas play could create all this squawking. Autumn is surrounded." Bristle pointed.



Tatty laughed. "I think she's going to have a tough job choosing who gets to act and who doesn't," she added.



"I would have cautioned her against this idea, if I'd known it would create all this noise!" Bristle grumbled.

"Oh, Bristle." Tatty sighed. *Bristle could be such a grump!*

"Who's that scrawny bunny?" Bristle pointed with his paw. "Her nose and jawbone are shivering. She looks like she just saw a hawk."

"Oh, Bristle, she was caught in a trap," Swindle said.

Bristle cleared his throat. "Well, you can shiver as much as you want," he finished.





Tatty wanted to offer her help to Autumn. She hoped Autumn would come soon. Button Bunny was cold and tired, but Tatty needed to talk to Autumn before she could take Button Bunny home. Tatty couldn't get to Autumn -- there were too many critters around her.




Missing Words.

Acorn wrote a notice in his paper about the Christmas play but some of the words are missing. He needs your help remembering what he put in his article. Choose the word that correctly completes the article.


The Shrewd Newsnut


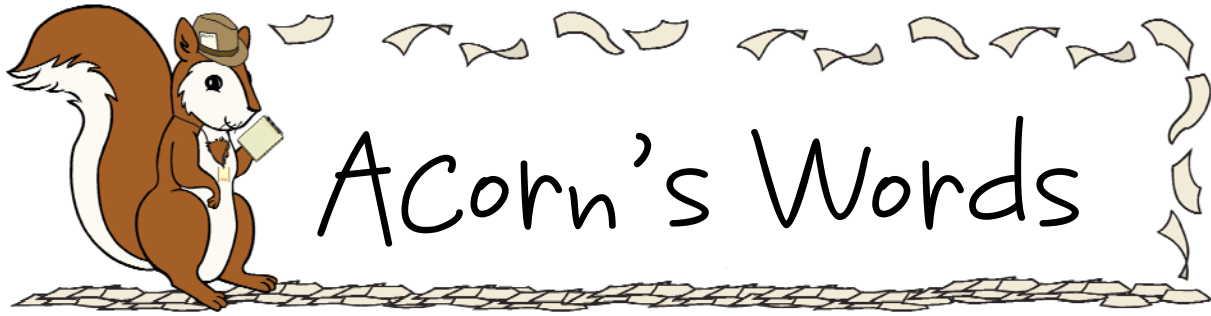
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| 1. (a) Aunt Lacey | 2. (a) three raccoons' | 3. (a) costumes |
| (b) Autumn | (b) Tatty's | (b) cookies |
| (c) Acorn | (c) three aunts' | (c) crafts |





Sound it Out

Sound out the letters to read these "au" and "aw" words below. Some of these words will be in your reading this week.

awkward	drawn	jawbone	caution	strawberry
sawhorse	faucet	sawmill	scrawny	applesauce
exhaust	sauna	lawn	nautical	lawnmower
August	aunt	trauma	rawhide	autumn
haul	thaw	crawl	awful	applaud






audio	crawler	vault	astronaut
fawn	scrawl	pause	saucepan
yawn	sauce	gauze	audience
dawn	outlaw	taunt	sawdust
shawl	auburn	cause	hawk



Write It Correctly.

Write the name of the word pictured.
Be sure to spell each word correctly.

		
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Secret Spelling Words

Sound out the letters to read the spelling words below.

crawl	macaw	drawer	applause	dinosaur
auction	launch	sausage	awesome	chainsaw

Vocabulary Words

Sound out the letters to read these vocabulary words below. You will practice reading and using these words all week.

flyer	gawk	scrawny	exhausted
vault	sprawl	caution	awestruck



What Word?

Read the questions and write the answers on the lines below. All of the answers are taken from this week's spelling and vocabulary words. Be sure to spell them correctly.

1. What meat is often eaten for breakfast?

2. What animal has scales and is extinct or no longer a living animal?

3. What is another word for brochure?

4. Which word is the name for a brightly feathered bird?

5. Where do you keep your clothes, if they are not in your closet?

6. What is like a safe?

7. What word can describe how you feel when you are very tired?
