

Spelling Newsletter

for Students and Their Families

Moving Ahead

Your child has been studying Units 13–17 in *Houghton Mifflin Spelling and Vocabulary*. Unit 13 taught spelling patterns for the vowel sound heard in the word *joy*. Units 14, 15, and 16 presented spelling patterns for a variety of vowel + /r/ sounds, such as /är/, /âr/, /îr/, /ôr/, and /ûr/. Finally, Unit 17 featured spelling patterns for the vowel sound heard in the words *spoon* and *wood*.

Word Lists

Your child has been studying the words below and others with similar patterns.

UNIT 13	UNIT 14	UNIT 15	UNIT 16	UNIT 17
joy	horse	nurse	air	smooth
point	mark	shirt	chair	blue
voice	smart	hurt	pear	flew
oil	fear	word	bear	true
toy	forest	serve	stare	stood
joint	heart	bird	fair	shoe
boil	fourth	were	where	move

Family Activity

Play Make a Sentence with your child. Working together, write sentences that contain as many of the Spelling Words as possible. They can be silly sentences, serious sentences, rhyming sentences, or tongue twisters. For example: *The **bear** at the **fair** fell off his **chair**.*