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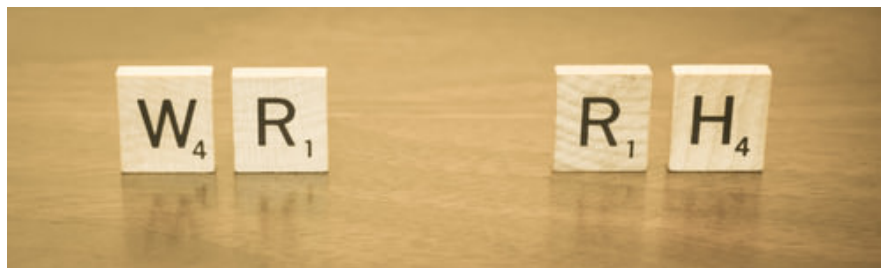


[r] Spelled <wr> or <rh>

spelled <wr> as in "write" or <rh> as in "rhyme"

[r]

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There are four ways of spelling [r]. They are <r>, <rr>, <wr>, and <rh>.

The spellings <wr> and <rh> occur in very few words.

In the spelling <rw>, several hundred years ago both the <r> and the <w> were pronounced, but in time people simplified things and quit pronouncing the <w>. Words in which [r] is spelled <wr> all come from the German side of our language's family.

In some words that come from Greek, [r] is spelled <rh>. The Greek alphabet contained a letter called *rho*, pronounced [rō]. When Greek words were written in our alphabet, the rho was represented by <rh>.

Examples

Here are the most common words in which <wr> occurs.

write	wrong	wrote	written
wrap	wreck	wreath	wrath
wrench	wrestle	wrinkle	wrist
wretch	wring	wren	wriggle

The most common words with <rh> are these.

rhyme	rhinestone	rhinoceros
rheostat	rheumatism	rhetoric
rhythm	rhapsody	rhubarb

Review

Use the following words to answer the questions below.

write	wrong	wrote	written
wrap	wreck	wreath	wrath
wrench	wrestle	wrinkle	wrist
wretch	wring	wren	wriggle

1. In what part of the word do you find the <wr>? _____.
2. Three of the words have to do with putting words down on paper. The three are _____, _____, and _____.
3. You can use a _____ to loosen a nut and bolt.
4. When two cars run into one another, it is called a _____.
5. Your hand is connected to your arm at the _____.
6. At Christmas some people put a _____ on their door.
7. You use an iron to remove _____ from your clothes.
8. If an answer is not right, it is _____.
9. Rewrite the sixteen <wr> words in alphabetical order.

1.	5.	9.	13.
2.	6.	10.	14.
3.	7.	11.	15.
4.	8.	12.	16.

[Figure1]

10. Arrange these nine words in alphabetical order.

rhyme	rhinestone	rhinoceros
rheostat	rheumatism	rhetoric
rhythm	rhapsody	rhubarb

1.	4.	7.
2.	5.	8.
3.	6.	9.

[Figure2]

11. In the word *rhinoceros* the first element, *rhino*, in Greek meant “nose,” and the second element, *ceros*, meant “horn.” So *rhinoceros* meant what?

_____.

12. In the word *rhapsody* the first element, *rhaps*, meant “stitch, sew,” and the second element, *ody* meant “song.” So *rhapsody* meant what?

13. You have worked with four ways of spelling [r]. They are _____, _____, _____, and _____.

14. Of these four spellings which is the most common? _____.

15. Which is the second most common? _____.

16. Which are the two least common? _____ and _____.

Review (Answers)

1. In what part of the word do you find the <wr>? at the front.
2. Three of the words have to do with putting words down on paper. The three are write, wrote, and written.
3. You can use a wrench to loosen a nut and bolt.
4. When two cars run into one another, it is called a wreck.
5. Your hand is connected to your arm at the wrist.
6. At Christmas some people put a wreath on their door.
7. You use an iron to remove wrinkles from your clothes.
8. If an answer is not right, it is wrong.
9. Rewrite the sixteen <wr> words in alphabetical order.

1. wrap
2. wrath
3. wreath
4. wreck
5. wren
6. wrench
7. wrestle
8. wretch
9. wriggle
10. wring

11. wrinkle
12. wrist
13. write
14. written
15. wrong
16. wrote

10. Arrange these nine words in alphabetical order.

1. rhapsody
2. rheostat
3. rhetoric
4. rheumatism
5. rhinestone
6. rhinoceros
7. rhubarb
8. rhyme
9. rhythm

11. In the word *rhinoceros* the first element, *rhino*, in Greek meant “nose,” and the second element, *ceros*, meant “horn.” So *rhinoceros* meant what? (the animal with) a horn on its nose.

12. In the word *rhapsody* the first element, *rhaps*, meant “stitch, sew,” and the second element, *ody*, meant “song.” So *rhapsody* meant what? a sewing together of songs.

13. You have worked with four ways of spelling [r]. They are <r> , <rr>, <wr> , and <rh>.

14. Of these four spellings which is the most common? <r>.

15. Which is the second most common? <rr>.

16. Which are the two least common? <wr> and <rh>.

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