

A shadow in the surf

Worksheet 1: Phonics

Name: _____ Date: _____

The sound /or/ can be spelt 'oar'.

1. Read the following 'oar' words aloud and then fill in the missing letters, below.

board boards surfboard roar roaring aboard

b _ _ _ d

r _ _ _

b _ _ _ ds

ab _ _ _ d

surfb _ _ _ d

r _ _ _ ing

2. When 2 words sound exactly the same but have a different spelling and a different meaning they are called homophones. Below are some homophones for words with the 'oar' spelling of the sound /or/.

Write a brief explanation of each word.

board:	bored:
roar:	raw:
boar:	bore:
soar:	sore:

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Worksheet 1: Phonics - continued

Name: _____ Date: _____

The long vowel sound /oo/ as in 'moon' can be spelt 'ue'. This spelling mostly appears at the end of words.

3. Read the following words out loud:

blue true clue glue

4. Write the words in a list below and read them to a friend.

5. Choose which word from the word bank fits into the sentences below, and write it.

blue true clue glue

A green- _____ wave rises near them and they all paddle as fast as they can.

I wouldn't have a _____ what to do if I saw a shark.

A surfboard can be repaired with a waterproof _____.

Is it _____ that sharks mistake surfers for seals?

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Worksheet 1: Phonics - continued

Name: _____ Date: _____

The sound /v/ can be spelt 've'.

6. Read the following words out loud:

have swerve give olive serve

7. Write the words and highlight the /v/ sound.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

8. Vocabulary

a) word: **swerve**

Number of syllables: _____

Write your own definition of the word:

Write a sentence with the word:

b) word: **give**

Number of syllables: _____

Write your own definition of the word:

Write a sentence with the word:

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Worksheet 2: Comprehension

Name: _____ Date: _____

Verbs

Fill in the tables below for the following verbs (doing words).

roaring breaking washes tumbles smashed

I. Word: roaring
Write 2 synonyms (words that mean a similar thing): 1. 2.
Write a sentence from the book that uses this word:
Write your own sentence using this word:

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Worksheet 2: Comprehension - continued

Name: _____ Date: _____

2. Word: breaking

Write 2 synonyms (words that mean a similar thing):

1.

2.

Write a sentence from the book that uses this word:

Write your own sentence using this word:

3. Word: washes

Write 2 synonyms (words that mean a similar thing):

1.

2.

Write a sentence from the book that uses this word:

Write your own sentence using this word:

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Worksheet 2: Comprehension - continued

Name: _____ Date: _____

4. Word: tumbles

Write 2 synonyms (words that mean a similar thing):

1.

2.

Write a sentence from the book that uses this word:

Write your own sentence using this word:

5. Word: smashed

Write 2 synonyms (words that mean a similar thing):

1.

2.

Write a sentence from the book that uses this word:

Write your own sentence using this word:

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Worksheet 2: Comprehension - continued

Name: _____ Date: _____

6. Fill in the story planner below to help you identify the story's characters, setting, plot, problem and solution. Use the planner to retell the story to a partner or family member.

Title:

Characters:

Setting:

Problem

What happened first?

Next?

Next?

Next?

Solution

How was the problem solved?

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Worksheet 3: Health & Wellbeing

Name: _____ Date: _____

Like all sports, surfing is fun but also has dangers. In the text, *A shadow in the surf* there were 3 potential risks mentioned.

1. Read the dangers below and write 2-3 sentences on what the dangers are from those risks and how best to avoid them.

Risk	Danger	Prevention
sea currents (rips)		
loose surfboard		
sharks		

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Worksheet 3: Health & Wellbeing - continued

Name: _____ Date: _____

Surfing can be good for your health in many ways. It is a fun way to exercise and exposes your body to sunshine and fresh air. Surfing also improves your coordination and balance and is a wonderful way to make friends. Lastly, surfing is an amazing way to connect with nature and relax in the ocean. Think about a sport or hobby that you like to do.

2. Fill in the table below with three benefits (good things) that you get out of doing your favourite sport or hobby. Then write 2-3 sentences to describe the benefit in more detail and why your sport/hobby gives you that benefit.

The sport/hobby I like to do is: _____

Benefits	Description
1.	
2.	
3.	

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Worksheet 3: Health & Wellbeing - continued

Name: _____ Date: _____

3. Building self-esteem

Throughout the story Leo and Zara support Denzel and encourage him as he is learning to surf. Encouraging others with kind words of support helps build self-esteem, makes you feel good and makes learning new things fun.

Write a list of the encouraging things Leo and Zara said to Denzel as he was learning to surf.

4. Think about something that has happened to you when someone you knew needed some help. Write about what happened and what words you said, or that you could have said, to encourage the other person.

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Worksheet 4: Sport

Name: _____ Date: _____

I. Surfing vocabulary

Lots of sports have their own vocabulary. It can sometimes feel like the people doing those sports are speaking a different language! Below are some surfing terms and what they mean. Read them with a friend or ask your teacher to read them to you.

Air The surfer and the board speed off the top of a wave and into the air

Axed To get hit hard by a breaking wave

Barrel/Tube The hollow tube on the inside of a wave just before it breaks

Bottom turn A sweeping turn at the bottom of a wave at the start of a ride

Carving/Ripping Surfing well

Close out When the wave breaks at once, leaving no room to surf

Duck dive Getting through a breaking wave when paddling out to surf

Eat foam To swallow water

Front side A surfing position where the surfer is facing the wave

Green room The hollow part of a wave where the surfer is surrounded by water

Leash-lag dragged Getting dragged underwater by the leg rope

Rag-dolled To get tumbled by a wave

Shoot the pipe Surfing into the barrel of a wave and making it out the other side

Spin-cycled When a surfer gets wiped out and spun around by a breaking wave

Steamer A wetsuit

Turn and burn To turn around quickly and catch a wave that comes up suddenly

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Worksheet 4: Sport - continued

Name: _____ Date: _____

2. Play charades with a partner or a small group. 'Charades' is a game where you act something out, without speaking, and the others have to guess what you are acting. Choose something from the list of terms on the previous page and act it out for a maximum of 1 minute (set a timer). Did your partner guess it? Everyone takes a turn.

3. Choose one of these two tasks.

EITHER If you do a sport or other hobby which has its own language create your own 'dictionary' where you explain some of the phrases that you use in that sport or hobby that other people might not understand.

OR Write a short story about a day spent surfing at the beach. Include at least four of the surfing terms given on the previous page.