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## STUDY TIPS- Fourth grade red words

**RED WORDS** are **non-phonetic**, meaning they are not pronounced the way they are spelled.

Some words are *homophones* (same pronunciation, different spelling), so you need to know how they are used.

Tips/reminders		Example sentences
there their they're lose pretty	*possessive form* Contraction = they are with /z/ vs. loose with /s/ sounds like "pritty"	<u>There</u> are four people in my family. Put that box over <u>there</u> . <u>Their</u> favorite restaurant is Culver's. <u>They're</u> the nicest people I know! I hope I don't <u>lose</u> my homework. She wore a <u>pretty</u> dress to the party.
eye blood flood buy guy	the body part, vs. homophone I sounds like "blud" sounds like "flud" vs. homophones bye or by rhymes with buy; learn pattern!	She poked her <u>eye</u> with the pencil. <u>Blood</u> contains oxygen and nutrients needed for life. The heavy rain caused a <u>flood</u> . I plan to <u>buy</u> a new car next year. Ask that <u>guy</u> if he can help you.
sew clothes often listen laugh	vs. homophones <i>so</i> or <i>sow</i> from base word <i>cloth</i> ; think: <i>clothing</i> silent † silent † sounds like "laff"	I can <u>sew</u> the button onto my coat. My mom bought me some new <u>clothes</u> to wear to the wedding. I go to the library <u>often</u> so I can find new books to read. <u>Listen</u> closely to the readings at mass. He likes to <u>laugh</u> at his own jokes.
break (ā) steak(ā) ocean view toward	vs. homophone brake vs. homophone stake sounds like "oshun" <i>ie rarely makes this sound</i> <i>think: to/ward</i>	Don't <u>break</u> any games during snack <u>break</u> . We are having <u>steak</u> for dinner. Whales live in the <u>ocean</u> . We had a nice <u>view</u> from the top of the mountain. They headed <u>toward</u> the nearest exit.
young woman (sing.) women (pl.) wonder touch	ou sounds like /ū/ /wo doesn't sound \ as it should <b>wonder</b> sounds like <i>wunder</i> sounds like <i>tuch</i>	She is too <u>young</u> to vote yet. That <u>woman</u> is my aunt. Fifty <u>women</u> attended the meeting. I <u>wonder</u> if I will make the team. Don't <u>touch</u> the paintings!
truth cough heart Tuesday Wednesday	Think of the base word trūe; should sound like trūth rhymes with "off" ear says /är/ focus on ue pattern chunk it: Wed/ <b>nes</b> /day	Always tell the <u>truth</u> . The doctor had me take <u>cough</u> medicine. The patient had a <u>heart</u> attack. I have a big game on <u>Tuesday</u> . We attend mass every <u>Wednesday</u> .
giggle muscle double trouble couple	All "hard" g's, double consonant-le silent c  \ - ou sounds like /ū/ /	Her jokes always make me <u>giggle</u> . Which <u>muscle</u> did you injure during the game? I will <u>double</u> my earnings this week. That behavior might get you in <u>trouble</u> . The <u>couple</u> will get married next month.