

wonder, blunder, thunder, fern, jerk,  
sir, stir, fir, first, flirt, girl, squirrel, bird;  
for, nor, fork, cork, cord, lord, accord,  
stork, short, escort, discord;  
cur, fur, burr, hurry, curry, furry,  
murder, burden, further, absurd, curd.

### ARTHUR AND THE SQUIRREL

Arthur and his Mother went on a car to the park. Arthur had three tarts in a paper to feed to a tame squirrel. The squirrel had his home in a grove of birch trees. When Arthur called the squirrel, the squirrel came and jumped up on Arthur's arm. He fed it the tarts and stroked its fur for awhile.

Then a cur began to bark, near them, so the squirrel scurried off over the grass, and ran up a birch tree.

The cur hurried after the squirrel, and barked and barked under the tree.

The squirrel darted to and fro in the branches, and chirped and chattered, and flirted its tail, and made sport of the cur.

After awhile, the squirrel ran to the end of a branch, near the tree top, and sailed over to another birch, a then to a fir tree, and went to its nest. The cur lost track of the squirrel. The cur barked under the tree till dark.