

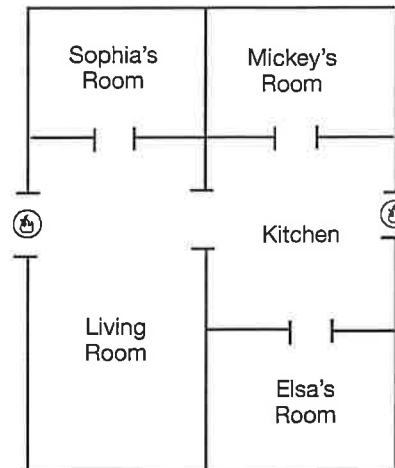
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Family Times

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Smokejumpers: Life Fighting Fires

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Activity

Know the Drill The chances are good that your home has smoke detectors. Your family should come up with a fire drill, a series of actions each of you are to take in case the smoke detector goes off. The plan should identify the exits family members are to use and any necessary actions that need to be taken as you leave your home. A map of the house or apartment building that labels the fire exits should be visible in the home at all times.

Comprehension Skill

Author's Purpose

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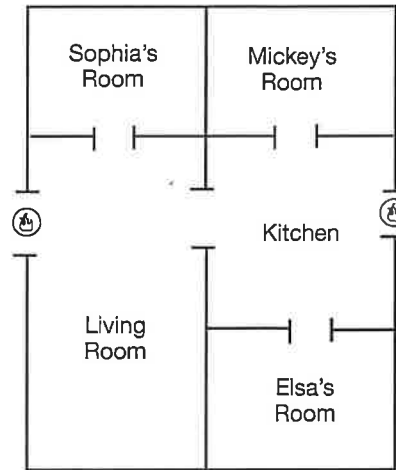
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Multisyllabic Words

- **Generalization** When spelling words with many syllables, look carefully at each word part.

Word Sort Sort the list words by words you know how to spell and words you are learning to spell. Write every word.

**words I know
how to spell**

**words I'm
learning to spell**

1. _____

11. _____

2. _____

12. _____

3. _____

13. _____

4. _____

14. _____

5. _____

15. _____

6. _____

16. _____

7. _____

17. _____

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18. _____

9. _____

19. _____

10. _____

20. _____

Spelling Words

1. reaction
2. prerecorded
3. incorrectly
4. incredibly
5. disobedient
6. disagreeable
7. refreshment
8. unbreakable
9. declaration
10. retirement
11. misdialled
12. undefined
13. unhappily
14. watchfully
15. gleefully
16. sportsmanship
17. repayment
18. questionable
19. displacement
20. midshipman

21. multicultural
22. universally
23. understatement
24. outlandish
25. inflammable

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Home Activity Your child is learning to spell multisyllabic words. Have your child say each word and count the syllables.