

# Spelling Words in Action

How is the story of the *Hindenburg* disaster like other famous disasters?

## The Last Voyage of the Hindenburg

On May 6, 1937, people at the landing field at Lakehurst, New Jersey, waited for the *Hindenburg* to arrive. Over 800 feet long, the great airship **reigned** over the Atlantic Ocean travel route. The luxurious craft had everything from a **kitchen** to a baby grand piano.

The flight was one of the routine **stretches** crossing the Atlantic Ocean. It had dropped off an airbag over Cologne, Germany, the city that gave perfumed **cologne** its name. Then it headed across the Atlantic. As the airship swung low over the landing field in Lakehurst, something went **awry**. The *Hindenburg* burst into flames and fell to the ground. Within a minute, nothing was left but **gnarled**, melted **wreckage**. Thirty-five of the 97 people on board lost their lives.

Some people blamed the **wrath** of nature. They believed that a spark of lightning had ignited the *Hindenburg's* hydrogen gas. People **resigned** themselves to the end of airship travel. Later investigations suggested the airship's **designer** was at fault. The aircraft's fabric cover might have burst into flame. Whatever is to blame, the accident was one of the great disasters of the 20th century.



Look back at the boldfaced words in the selection. Say the words. Listen for the sounds of n, r, and ch. What do you notice about how these sounds are spelled?

# Spelling Practice

## TIP

Sometimes you don't hear every letter in a word. The letters **gn** can spell the **n** sound, as in designer, but the **g** is silent. The letters **wr** can spell the **r** sound, as in wrath, but the **w** is silent. The letters **tch** can spell the **ch** sound, as in scratched, but the **t** is silent.

## LIST WORDS

1. *stretches*
2. *designer*
3. *wristwatch*
4. *fetched*
5. *kitchen*
6. *wreckage*
7. *wrestling*
8. *crutches*
9. *hatchet*
10. *wrath*
11. *unmatched*
12. *cologne*
13. *scratched*
14. *resigned*
15. *sketching*
16. *foreigner*
17. *campaign*
18. *awry*
19. *gnarled*
20. *reigned*

## Words with gn, wr, and tch

Write each list word under the correct heading.  
One word will be written twice.

**gn** spells the **n** sound

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

**wr** spells the **r** sound

8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_

**tch** spells the **ch** sound

13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. \_\_\_\_\_
16. \_\_\_\_\_
17. \_\_\_\_\_
18. \_\_\_\_\_
19. \_\_\_\_\_
20. \_\_\_\_\_
21. \_\_\_\_\_

## Word Clues

Fill in each mini-puzzle with a **list word**. Use the word or words already filled in as a clue.

1. **C**  
**R**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**A**  
**T**  
**O**  
**R**

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
**S**  
**M**  
**A**  
**L**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**C**  
**L**  
**O**  
**C**  
**K**

3. **A**  
**C**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**C**  
**I**  
**D**  
**E**  
**N**  
**T**

4. **G**  
**O**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**T**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

5. **C**  
**A**  
**N**  
**E**  
**S**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
**I**  
**T**  
**C**  
**H**  
**E**  
**D**

8. \_\_\_\_\_  
**W**  
**R**  
**O**  
**N**  
**G**

9. **E**  
**L**  
**E**  
**C**  
**T**  
**I**  
**O**  
**N**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**P**  
**L**  
**A**  
**N**

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
**A**  
**X**

10. \_\_\_\_\_  
**D**  
**R**  
**A**  
**W**  
**I**  
**N**  
**G**

## Dictionary

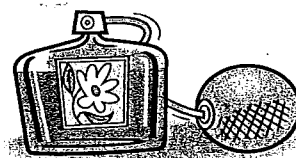
Write the **list words** from the box that would appear on a dictionary page that has the guide words below. Put the words in alphabetical order.

- gnarled
- foreigner
- resigned
- cologne
- unmatched
- wrath
- wrestling
- kitchen
- stretches
- reigned

collision/rein

residue/wretch

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|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |



# Spelling and Writing




## Proofreading

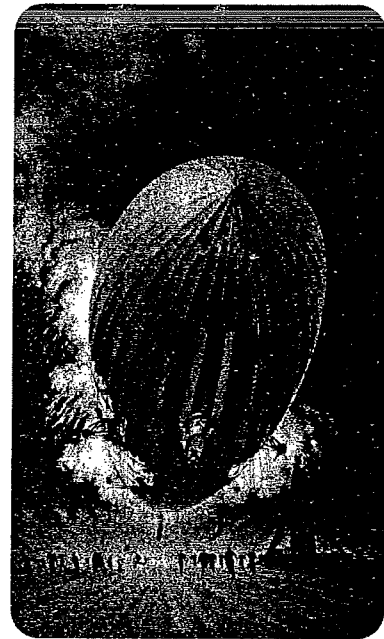
This article about the movie *The Hindenburg* has ten mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to correct them. Then, write the misspelled **list words** correctly on the lines.

The 1975 movie *The Hindenburg* was produced and directed by Robert Wise. At the time, wise reined as a top director of "big" films. The movie mixed footage of the disaster with new scenes showing the explosion and the reckedge. though the actual disaster took less than a minute, the movie version streches for six minutes. The disaster part of the film was shot in black and white so the scenes wouldnt look unmaened. The need for accuracy presented manv challenges to the set desiner. Posters from the movies kampain show the giant airship bursting into flames.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

## Proofreading Marks

-  spelling mistake
-  capital letter
-  add apostrophe



## Writing a Review

Imagine that you just saw a movie about the *Hindenburg* disaster. Write a review of the movie. Were the special effects exciting? Did the movie stick to the facts or make up new scenes? Use any **list words** that you can. Remember to proofread your review and fix any mistakes.

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## BONUS WORDS

- gnomes
- wring
- wrench
- twitch
- stitched