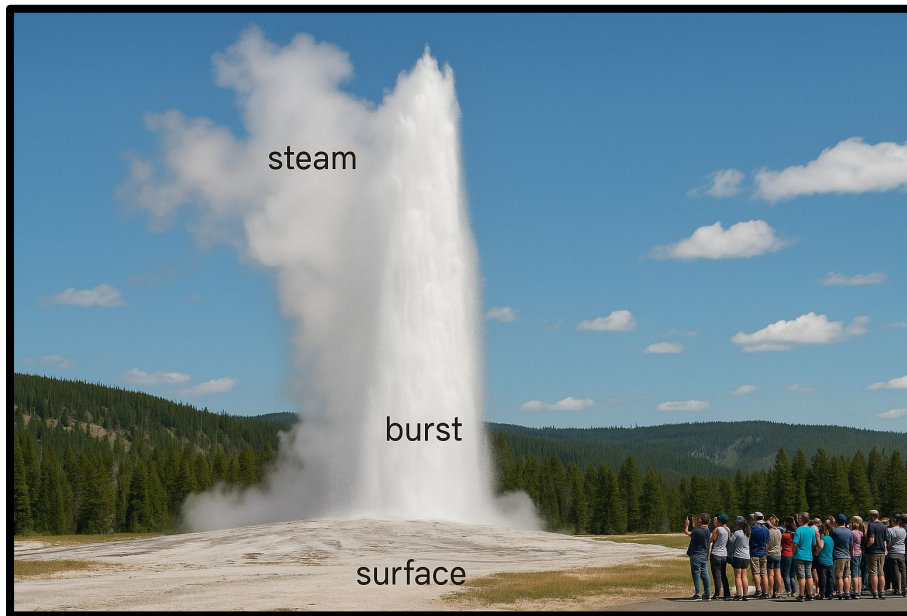


Decodable Texts: R-Controlled (ar)

"This nonfiction story teaches about geysers and includes 'ur' words like 'burst,' 'surface,' and 'surge.' Let's learn how these water wonders work!"



What Is a Geyser?

A geyser is a burst of hot water and steam from the Earth.

It starts deep underground where water gets very hot.

The heat builds up until the water surges to the surface.

When it bursts, it can shoot high into the air.

One famous geyser is called Old Faithful.

People gather in parks to watch geysers in nature.

Each burst is short, but full of power and wonder.

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

burst

surface

surge

short

power



Name: _____

What Is a Geyser?

1. What causes a geyser to burst?

- A. Rain on rocks
- B. Hot air in a cave
- C. Heat and pressure underground
- D. Water from the sky

2. What is Old Faithful?

- A. A bear
- B. A mountain
- C. A famous geyser
- D. A ranger's name

3. Fill in the blank:

Each burst is short, but full of power and _____.

4. What do geysers need in order to form and shoot up?

5. Why do people enjoy watching geysers?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: ur R-Controlled Vowel

Genre: Nonfiction – Earth Science

High-Frequency Words: into, each, when, very, from

Before Reading

1. This story includes “ur” words like *burst*, *surface*, *surge*, and *wonder*.
 2. Have you ever seen a geyser or something shoot up from water?
 3. What do you think it would feel like to stand near one?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Practice stretching “ur” words like *burst*, *surge*, and *surface*.
 2. Watch for ur words that describe movement, heat, and nature
 3. How does pressure build below a geyser?
 4. Read the last sentence with awe and curiosity
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After Reading

1. Retell how geysers form and what makes them burst
 2. What makes Old Faithful special?
 3. Would you want to visit a geyser—why or why not?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six “ur” words in the passage
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again like a tour guide explaining an amazing natural event
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Activity Idea

Draw a geyser shooting up from the ground with people watching. Label parts using ur words like *burst*, *surface*, *surge*, or *wonder*. Write one sentence about how geysers form.

Coaching Tip

Use explosive natural wonders to excite young readers—earth science and decoding go hand-in-hand!

