

# Step into Learning



A worksheet for adults to practise reading, writing, spelling and numbers.

## Famous singer Dolly Parton is 80

**Famous singer** Dolly Parton is 80 years old this year. She was born on 19 January 1946, in **Tennessee in the USA** (United States of America). She grew up in a small house with **11 brothers and sisters**. Her family loved music, and Dolly was singing since she was a child, even singing on local radio and TV (television).

When Dolly was older, she moved to **Nashville**. Nashville is called the home of **country music** in America. Dolly soon became famous as a singer. She also wrote and sang many famous songs like "**Jolene**" and "**9 to 5**". Dolly has won many music **awards**, and she has had **concerts** in all parts of the world.

One of the things she is most happy about is a charity she set up called **Dolly's Imagination Library** that gives free books to **children** under the age of 5 years. This helps children to learn to read and enjoy books. Ireland is one of the places where her charity is run. She set this up because her own dad never learned to read. Before he died her dad told her he was very proud of her for doing this.



**Dolly Parton**

On 19 January **2026**, Dolly was **80 years old**. She still works hard. She says she is not ready to **retire** and still enjoys singing and helping people.

## Words from the story



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concerts Imagination Library children read retire

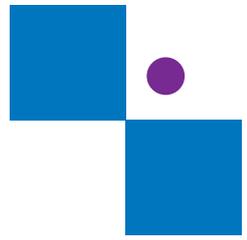
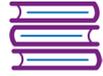
## Writing practise



Use the words in the box above to answer these questions.

1. Dolly Parton is a famous \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. She was born in \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. She grew up in a house with 11 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Her family loved \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Nashville is the home of \_\_\_\_\_ music.
6. She has won many music \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. She has held \_\_\_\_\_ all over the world.
8. Her charity is called Dolly's \_\_\_\_\_ .
9. The charity gives free books to \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. Her own dad never learned to \_\_\_\_\_ .
11. Dolly said she is not ready to \_\_\_\_\_ .

# Reading practice



## Music

There are many kinds of music.

Some people like Pop music.

Some people like Rock music.

Some people like Country music.

Some people like Irish music.

You can listen to music.

You can play music.

You can sing songs.

You can dance to music.

Music can make you happy.

It can also make you sad.

It can make you want to get up and dance.

It can make you fall asleep.

## Read and answer



Read the story above and answer these questions.

1. Name 4 kinds of music: \_\_\_\_\_ music \_\_\_\_\_ music  
\_\_\_\_\_ music \_\_\_\_\_ music
2. Music can make you \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. It can also make you \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. It can make you want to get up and \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. It can make you fall \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. The name of a famous singer is \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Spelling practise: Words ending in at

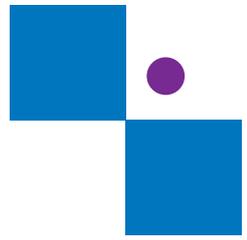


cat   hat   mat   rat   sat   chat   brat

**Pick a word from the list to finish these sentences:**

1. I have a black and white \_\_\_\_\_ called Tabby.
2. I saw a big \_\_\_\_\_ run across the road.
3. The man \_\_\_\_\_ down on the chair.
4. My friend and I had a lovely \_\_\_\_\_ when we met last week.
5. She is not very nice, she is a \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. I must put on my \_\_\_\_\_ to keep my head warm.
7. My cat sits on a \_\_\_\_\_ near the fire.

# Spelling practise: Words ending in ar



bar car ear far jar tar war star

**Pick a word from the list to finish these sentences:**

1. I drive a red \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. She had a bad pain in her \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. How \_\_\_\_\_ is it from here to Dublin?
4. I will buy a \_\_\_\_\_ of honey in the shop.
5. They make new roads with \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. The army fights in a \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky.
8. Another name for a pub is a \_\_\_\_\_ .

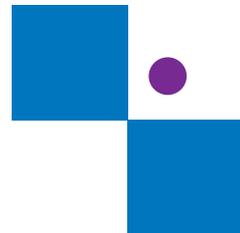
# Days of the week

- When we spell the days, we can break each one into small parts.
- Look at each day and the parts it can be made into.
- Write each day in the box beside each one.
- The first one is done for you.

Day	Break down	Write	Write
Monday	Mon day	Monday	Monday
Tuesday	Tues day		
Wednesday	Wed nes day		
Thursday	Thurs day		
Friday	Fri day		
Saturday	Sat ur day		
Sunday	Sun day		

## Finish off these sentences with a different day of the week

1. I go shopping on \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. I go for a drive every \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The day I enjoy best is \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. I go to see a match every \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. We eat pancakes on Pancake \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Children go to school from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. The two days of the weekend are \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. The days that start with **T** are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .



## Competition winners

Well done to Pat and Adam who are the winners of the Christmas competition. Well Done!

Thank you to everyone who entered.

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### Further help is available

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