ABC PLAYGROUND

Name:

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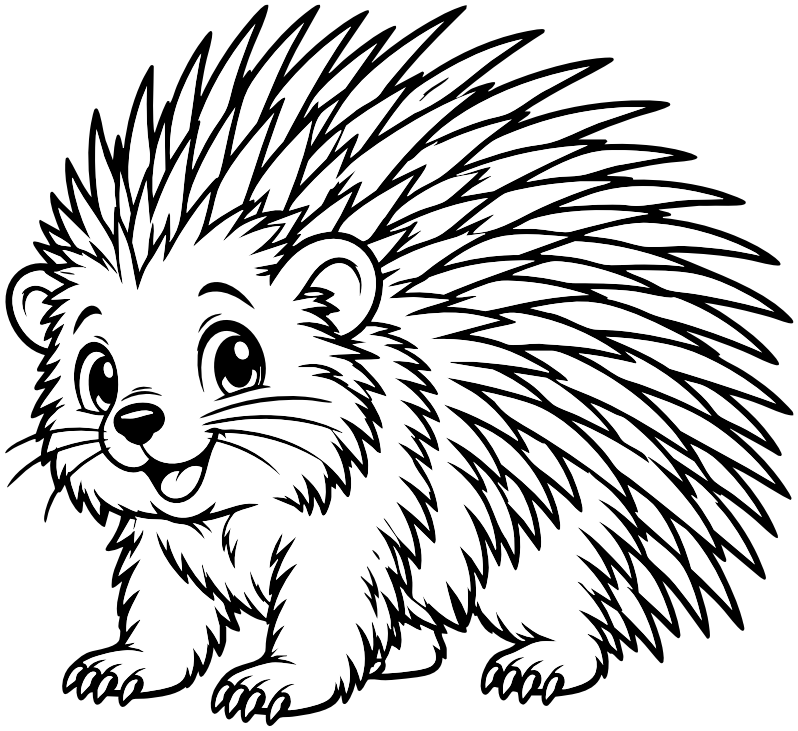
Spelling List D-20: R-Controlled Vowels

Spelling Words

1. porcupine
2. nature
3. afford
4. morning
5. argue
6. apartment
7. urgent
8. splurge
9. circular
10. search
11. sharpen
12. purse
13. creature
14. picture
15. according
16. tomorrow
17. pardon
18. modern
19. service
20. surround



When a vowel is followed by the letter r, it makes a special sound. These are called r-controlled vowels.

- **/ar/** sound as in *car*
- **/ r/** sound as in *butter*
- **/or/** sound as in *more*

The **/ər/** sound can be spelled with the letters **er** (mother), **ir** (bird), or **ur** (fur).