

Irksome - PO 1

Identify the following syllable types. Write the syllables in the appropriate columns below. If you need help on a syllable type, replay the lesson.

ord

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Closed	Open	Vowel r	Final Stable

1. Make 4 words from the column with vowel-*r* syllables.
(Example: ord=cord)

2. Make 2 words from the final stable syllable column.

irksome - PO 2

Goats Eat Oats and Other Things

Fifth graders at an elementary school in Vermont decided to eliminate poison ivy from the playground at their small rural school. The school officials could have used a chemical solution, but these students said that if the chemicals got into the surrounding water, they could kill animals that drink the water. They also considered other methods that would not hurt the various animals that occupy the land around the school. One method was covering the poison ivy with black plastic and using a vinegary, soapy, boiling water solution which they decided not to do.

In searching on the Internet, the students found information about using goats to eat the poison ivy. Goats have special enzymes that permit them to safely eat this poisonous plant. Living in Vermont, the students easily found a person who was willing to loan the school the goats for six weeks in the fall. When fall arrived, the goats happily settled in and dutifully ate one and a half acres of poison ivy.

Because this project was economically and environmentally sound, the school was named a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The students began raising money to go to the White House to receive the award. Who would guess that goats eat poison ivy and a group of students would end up going to the White House because of these goats?

Describe another project that a school could do that would be economically and environmentally sound.
