



Br-r-r-r!

(Part One)

In most areas of the country, the months of November and December bring significant drops in temperature. Coats and gloves become standard attire. Visible puffs of breath punctuate the air as people hug themselves against the cold and say, “**Br-r-r-r!**”

Location and cold temperatures, however, are only two reasons for verbalizing this chilly syllable. No matter where we live, on the warmest of days, we utter the sound repeatedly—ordering a *hamburger*, spotting an unusual *bird*, celebrating a *birthday*, for example. **Br-r-r-r** is all over the place.

Use the clues and a dictionary to unscramble each of the following **br-r-r-r** words. Write their correct spellings in the blanks to the left.

- _____ 1. **briortu** A tortilla wrapped around a filling such as ground beef, grated cheese, or refried beans.
- _____ 2. **boeeNvmr** In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt set the official date of Thanksgiving as the fourth Thursday of this month. Congress approved his choice in 1941.
- _____ 3. **brbare** One whose business is to cut hair and to shave or trim beards.
- _____ 4. **bnhaiteer** To spend the winter in close quarters in a dormant condition; to withdraw or be in seclusion.
- _____ 5. **bumren** One, two, three, four, etc.
- _____ 6. **btmier** Wood used as building material; an area of growing trees; a dressed piece of wood.
- _____ 7. **bmmeeeerr** To recall to the mind with effort; to think of again; to retain in the mind or remain aware of.
- _____ 8. **bmmeer** One who belongs to a club or organization.
- _____ 9. **bourwr** A hole or tunnel in the ground made by a fox, a rabbit, or similar animal.
- _____ 10. **bceeirg** A massive floating body of ice broken away from a glacier.
- _____ 11. **bsoreeummc** Difficult to handle because of weight or bulk.
- _____ 12. **bungduyr** A dark grayish to blackish red to dark purplish red or reddish brown.
- _____ 13. **bsurt** To break, break open, or fly apart with sudden force.
- _____ 14. **bbbuerl** The fat layer between the skin and muscle of whales and other cetaceans; to sob noisily; to utter while crying.
- _____ 15. **bbboumlahtre** A person who talks too much, especially indiscreetly; a gossip; a tattletale
- _____ 16. **boers** Not intoxicated or affected by the use of drugs; marked by seriousness, gravity, or solemnity of conduct or character.