Spelling list: When a /w/ sound comes from the qu grapheme

When an /ur/ sound follows the letter w (but not qu) it is usually spelt or The important exception is were . Letters and Sounds, Phase Six.

word	A prefix is put in front of a word to change its meaning.
worm	The bird was killing the worm .
work	Michelle jogs to work everyday.
worship	The clergy preach in places of worship .
worth	That old painting is worth a great deal.
were	The band were good.