

# Phoneme /er/ Activities

## Spellings: er, ir, or, ur, ear

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

/er/ - multisyllabic

### Sounds and Syllables

1. Underline the sounds in each word and record how many in the box.
2. Write the whole word and split it into its syllables.
3. Record how many syllables in the box.

b e a d w o r k

flirting

stretcher

inventor

curdle

research

hammer

worship

searching

burgle

firmly

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### Word List

early

thirsty

purple

doctor

thirteen

Thursday

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### Choose the Correct Spelling

Fill in the missing spelling.

er

ir

or

ur

ear

b\_\_\_\_n

\_\_\_\_th

p\_\_\_\_l

\_\_\_\_n

w\_\_\_\_ld

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burnt

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burst

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slurp

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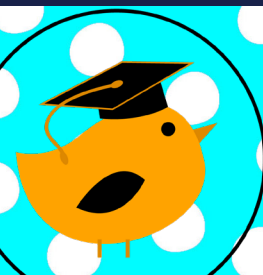
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# About This Pack

This pack includes activities, games, and worksheets for the phoneme /er/, spellings er, ir, or, ur, ear. There are activities for single-syllable and multisyllabic words. The following pages provide master word lists for all words used in this pack.

There are three main sections.

## 1. Posters and word cards

This section includes ten posters for each of the different spellings for both single-syllable and multisyllabic words. Use the posters for display in your classroom and fluency practice. Enlarge the posters to A3 (ledger) size and then laminate them for durability.

There are word cards (for single-syllable and multisyllabic words) that you can use for sorting activities, games, reading practice, or add them to your sound wall (or word wall).

## 2. Single-syllable worksheets and games

There are 20 worksheets and activities and 5 games. Use the worksheets for independent practice, word work centers, and morning work. The games are ideal for partner work, small group instruction, and literacy centers.

## 3. Multisyllabic worksheets and games

There are 19 worksheets and activities for multisyllabic words and 5 games. The activities and games are perfect for word work centers, whole-class review, small group instruction, or intervention.



# Single-Syllable Master Word List

fern	birth	work	blurb	earn
her	chirp	world	blurt	earned
herb	dirt	worm	burn	earth
herd	fir	worst	bury	heard
jerk	firm	worth	burp	learn
nerd	first		burst	pearl
perch	flirt		church	pearls
perk	girl		curd	search
perm	mirth		curl	searche
Perth	shirk		fur	yearn
stern	shirt		hurl	yearne
term	skirt		hurt	
tern	so firm		lurch	
verb	stir		lurk	
	stir		slurp	
	twirl		spur	
	third		surf	
	thirst		turf	
	twirl		turn	



# Multisyllabic Master Word List

er	ir	or	ur	ear
anteater	affirm	beadwork	absurd	early
banner	birthday	casework	blurted	earnest
better	blackbird	conductor	burden	earning
blister	chirping	doctor	burger	earthly
butter	confirm	framework	burgle	earthquake
clamber	dirty	homework	burning	leaving
different	firmly	instructor	bursting	research
dinner	firstly	inventor	churches	researching
expert	flirting	motor	concur	searches
follower	quirky	rework	curdle	searching
hammer	smirking	woody	curly	unheard
hunger	songbird	wonder	cunning	
ladder	squirted	workup	disturb	
letter	thirdly	forming	furnish	
never	thirsty	worse	further	
over	thirteen	worship	gurgle	
perfect	thirty	workless	hurdle	
permit	twirling	worthy	incur	
person			lurching	
river			murder	
rock			murky	
ropper			murmur	
ster			purple	
spinner			Thursday	
stretcher			turnip	
summer			turtle	
thunder				
under				
yesterday				



er

berth

perch

fern

perk

her

perm

herb

Perth

herd

stern

jerk

term

nerd

verb

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ur

absurd

gurgled

burden

hurdle

burning

incur

concur

lurching

curdle

murky

curly

purple

disturb

Thursday

furnish

turtle

Single-Syllable Word Cards  
Spelling ir

bird

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dirt

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girl

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birth

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firm

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mirth

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chirp

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first

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shirt

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Spelling or

beadwork

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doctor

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instructor

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casework

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framework

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inventor

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conductor

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# Single-Syllable Activities

This section contains the following worksheets, activities, and games:

- Word list
- Cut and match x 2
- Say and trace
- Choose the correct spelling
- Read and write x 2
- Tap it, map it, zap it
- Sort the words
- Cut and sort
- Read and circle
- Write your own sentences
- Fluency board
- Make your own fluency board
- Word of the week x 2
- Word sort
- Match the meaning
- Synonyms for words
- Antonyms for words
- Draw the homophones
- Dictation sentences
- Roll and read
- 4 in a row
- Tic tac toe
- Cootie catcher
- Roll, read and write



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# Choose the Correct Spelling

Fill in the the missing spelling.

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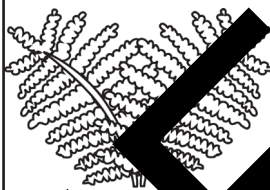
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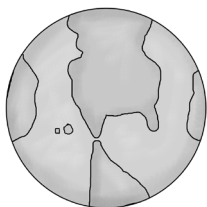
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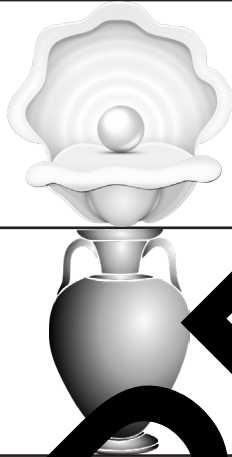
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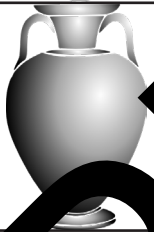
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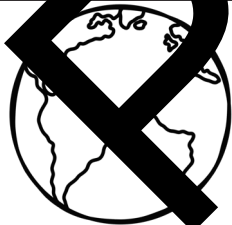
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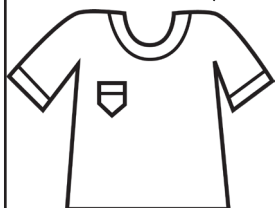
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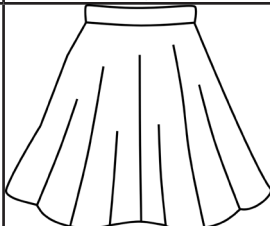
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sh\_\_\_\_t



sk\_\_\_\_t

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# Read and Write

1. Read the word.
2. Underline each sound in the word as you say it.
3. Use the squares to write each sound in the word.
4. Write the whole word and read it again.

herb

worth

earn

firm

churn

flirt

nerd

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# Sort the Words

Sort the words into the correct spelling.

jerk

worth

search

slurp

first

surf

yearn

worst

herd

fern

earl

dirt

skirt

world

pearl

word

verb

lurch

squirt

burnt

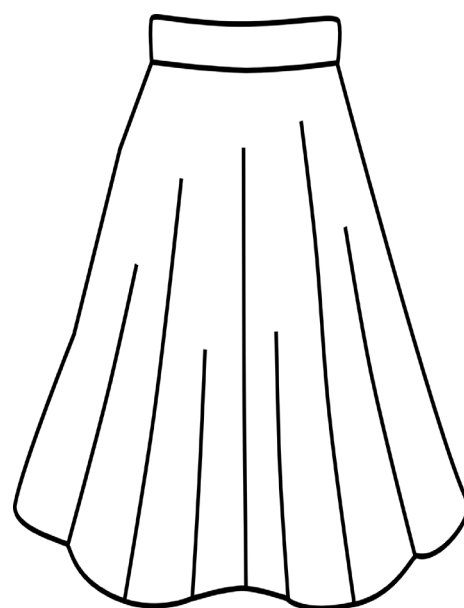
er

ir

or

ur

ear



Write down the second sound in the word.

Write down how many sounds are in this word.

Write some words that rhyme with the word of the week.

Write down what you know about this word. Where might you see this word?

Word of the week:

mirth



Use this word in your writing and tally how many times you use it.

Make up a new sentence using the word.

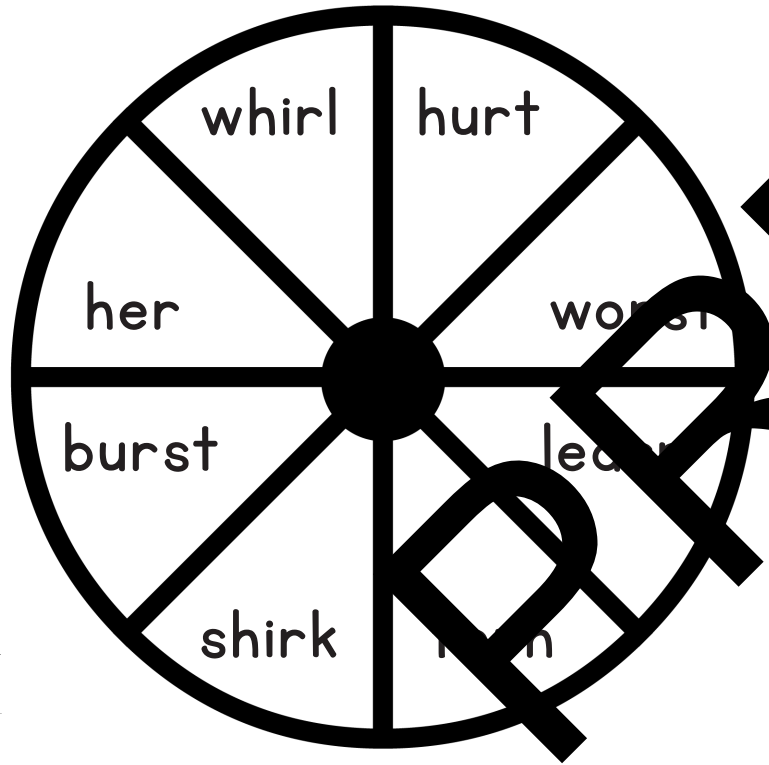


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# 4 in a Row

Play with 2 different colored markers. Take turns to spin a word, read it and write it on the grid. The winner is the first player to get 4 words in a row in any direction.




# Multisyllabic Activities

This section contains the following worksheets, activities, and games:

- Word list
- Read and write x 2
- Tap it, map it, zap it
- Sort the words
- Cut and sort
- Read and circle
- Write your own sentences
- Fluency board
- Make your own fluency board
- Word of the week x 2
- Word sort
- Match the meaning
- Synonyms for words
- Antonyms for words
- Draw the homophones
- Dictation sentence
- Sound and syllables
- Reading and spelling 2/3 syllable words
- Roll and read
- 4 in a row
- Tic tac toe
- Cootie catcher
- Roll, read and write



# Cut and Sort

Cut out the words and headings below. Sort the words into the different spellings and glue them into your spelling book.

er	ir	or	ur	ear
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earnest	worthy	confirm	burning
banner	burden	worship	under
Thursday	flirting	learning	earning
wordy	master	doctor	concur
smirking	incur	summer	songbird
churches	never	earthly	workup
yearly	affirm	conductor	blurted
person	research	yesterday	thirteen
instructor	beadwork	bursting	unheard
earthquake	squirted	hunger	birthday



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# Word Sort

Sort the words by writing them into the correct box.

dirty

clamber

further

conductor

murky

researching

better

rubber

firstly

burger

yesterday

inventor

curly

purple

blackbird

worthless

different

instructor

worming

flower

Words with 2 syllables.

Words with more than 5 sounds.

Words that are adjectives (a word that describes a noun).

Words with 3 syllables.

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# Antonyms for Words

Read each of the words. Write one antonym  
for each of the words.

early		wordy	
confirm		murky	
worthless		worship	
curly		expert	
never		thirsty	
concur		absurd	
better		summer	
firmly		hunger	

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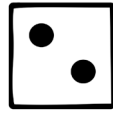
# Reading & Spelling 2/3 Syllable Words

Read the words and underline the sounds in each word.  
Split the words into 2 or 3 syllables. Write the whole word  
at the end.

<u>b</u> <u>ir</u> <u>th</u> <u>d</u> <u>ay</u>	birth / day	birth day
instructor		
bursting		
thirty		
researching		
permit		
smirking		
worker		
Thursday		
conductor		
butter		
earthly		

# Roll, Read and Write

Play with a partner and use two different colored markers. Take turns to roll the dice. Read and write a word for the number you roll. The first person to get one word under each number is the winner.



ladder	burning	wordy	instructor	furnish	affirm
earning	thirteen	research	follower	letter	disturb
workup	rubber	worthy	firstly	learning	worker
turtle	early	quinted	blurted	rocker	perfect
unheard	hurdle	blister	earnest	doctor	earthly
blackbird	working	gurgle	thirsty	confirm	clamber