PHONICS · R-CONTROLLED VOWELS

er, ir and ur words

Name _____ Date _____

I can read words with er, ir, ur, like bird.

1 Say each word. Listen for the er sound.



bird



shirt



turtle



purse



burger



tiger



ladder



hammer

2 How to say it

Er, ir and ur all make the same sound, as in her, bird and turtle. Children say the sound, then learn which spelling each word uses by reading it often.

3 More er, ir, ur words

Read them to a grown-up.

her fern term bird girl first shirt

fur turn hurt burn nurse

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Which sound do you hear?

Name _____ Date _____

Say the picture name. Circle the letters that make the vowel sound.



ar or ir



ir ar or



ur or ar



ur ar or



or ar ur



or ar er



or er ar



er or ar

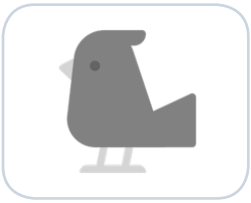
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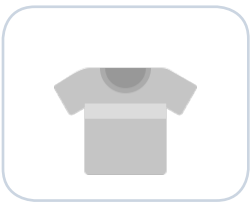
Match the picture to the word

Name _____ Date _____

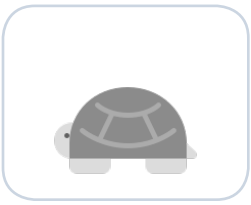
Draw a line from each picture to its word.



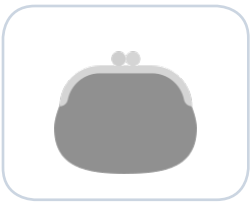
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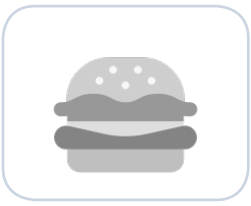
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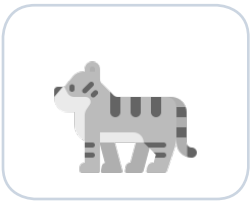
shirt



purse



burger



turtle

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Fill in the missing letters

Name _____ Date _____

Write the missing letters in the box. Then write the whole word.

ir ur er



b□d

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sh□t

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t□tle

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p□se

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b□ger

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How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Sort the words

Name _____ Date _____

Read each word. Write it in the box where it belongs.

1 Word bank

bird | first | fur | dirt | herd | burn | girl | her | turn | term | hurt | fern

er	ir	ur
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Read, trace and find

Name _____ Date _____

Read each word aloud, then trace it.

her	her	fern	fern
term	term	bird	bird
girl	girl	first	first
shirt	shirt	fur	fur
turn	turn	hurt	hurt
burn	burn	nurse	nurse

2 Read each sentence. Circle the er, ir, ur words.

1. The bird is on the fern.
2. Her shirt is red.
3. The turtle can turn.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: er, ir and ur words

1 Which sound do you hear? / Fill in the missing letters

bird (ir), shirt (ir), turtle (ur), purse (ur), burger (ur), tiger (er), ladder (er), hammer (er)

2 Match the picture

1. bird 2. shirt 3. turtle 4. purse 5. burger 6. tiger

3 Sort the words

er her, fern, term, herd

ir bird, girl, first, dirt

ur fur, turn, hurt, burn

4 Circle the words

1. bird, fern
2. Her, shirt
3. turtle, turn

5 Teaching tip

Er, ir and ur all make the same sound, as in her, bird and turtle. Children say the sound, then learn which spelling each word uses by reading it often.

Watch for: Choosing the wrong spelling when writing, as in "berd" for bird. That is normal at this stage: praise the right sound, then show the right spelling.

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