

ER Sound Words: Lists by Position, Typical Ages, and How to Practice

One sound, many spellings

Spelling	Example words
er	teacher, water, dinner, butter
ir	bird, girl, dirty, thirteen
ur	turtle, purple, turn, hurt
ear	earth, early, learn
or (at the end)	doctor, color, tractor

ER at the start of words

earth	early	earn	urgent
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ER in the middle of words

bird	girl	turtle	purple
thirsty	thirteen	circus	dirty
turn	shirt	nurse	first

ER at the end of words

teacher	water	dinner	tiger
paper	flower	butter	hammer
letter	zipper	mother	father
over	color		