



List of words containing the er sound

This list contains words with the sound /er/ which is most commonly spelled with the phonograms er (her), ir (bird) and ur (turn). The er, ir and ur phonograms can appear anywhere in a syllable, but are most commonly in the middle of a syllable. Several common words that use the suffix -er have been included in this list and in the story. (Note that this list could have many more words added to it; the sound /er/ occurs in a lot of words!)

This list does not include other less common ways to spell the sound /er/ including the two suffixes -or as in actor and -ar as in lunar, and it also doesn't include spellings with the phonograms ar (orchard), ear (earth), our (journal) and yr (syrup).

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er	interest	under*	squirm*	hurt*
after*	modern	water*	stir*	hurts*
Amber*	monster*	whenever*	swirl*	injury*
better*	nerve*	winter	T-shirt*	lurch
bigger	never*		third*	nurse*
camera*	number*	ir	thirst*	purr
clever*	other*	birch	twirl	purse*
closer*	over*	bird*		return
dinner*	Pender*	birth	ur	slurp
diverse	pepper	chirp*	burden	sunburn*
ever*	perfect*	dirt	burn*	sure*
everyone*	perhaps*	fir*	burp	surf*
farther*	person*	firm*	burst*	surfboard*
fern*	stronger*	first*	curl*	surfer*
germ	summer*	girl*	curled*	surfers*
her*	surfer*	Kirk*	current*	surfing*
herb	surfers*	mirth	curve	surprise
herd	swerve	quirk	disturb	survive
hermit*	swimmer*	shirt	fur*	turn
higher*	term*	skirt*	furnish	turned*
insert	tether*	smirk	further	urban