

Name _____

Vowels: *r*-Controlled

Generalization The vowel sound /*er*/ can be spelled **er**, **ir**, **or**, and **ear**:
certain, **third**, **word**, **early**.

Word Sort Sort the list words by the spelling of the vowel sound /*er*/.

er

or

1. _____ 9. _____

2. _____ 10. _____

3. _____ 11. _____

4. _____ 12. _____

5. _____

ear

ir

13. _____

6. _____ 14. _____

7. _____ 15. _____

8. _____

Spelling Words

1. third
2. early
3. world
4. certain
5. dirty
6. herself
7. earth
8. word
9. perfect
10. verb
11. nerve
12. worm
13. thirsty
14. workout
15. earn

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Home Activity Your child is learning to spell words with *er*, *ir*, *or*, and *ear*. To practice at home, have your child say each word and spell it out loud.

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Spelling Words				
third	early	world	certain	dirty
herself	earth	word	perfect	verb
nerve	worm	thirsty	workout	earn

Riddle Read a clue and write the list word. When you have written all seven words, the answer will appear in the boxes.

What building has the most stories?

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|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-------|
| 1. another word
for <i>she</i> | 1. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 2. before fourth | 2. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 3. a sentence | 3. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 4. has one | 4. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 5. exercise | 5. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 6. sure | 6. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 7. in need of water | 7. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 7. in need of a bath | 7. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |

Missing Words Write a list word to complete each saying.

8. around the _____
9. have a lot of _____
10. down to _____
11. can't get a _____ in edgeways
12. _____ your keep
13. The _____ bird gets
- the 14. _____.

earn
word
early
earth
world
worm
nerve



Home Activity Your child has been learning to spell words with *er*, *ir*, *or*, and *ear*. Ask your child to pick a number between 1 and 14. Read the list word from the sentence on this page with that number. Ask your child to spell the word.

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Directions Circle the words in the box that have the vowel sound /*er*/ as in **bird**, **her**, **turn**, **earn**, and **work**. Then write the words you circled under the word that has the same vowel spelling.

burst	hear	corn	dear	early	there	fern
fire	flare	heart	girl	hurry	learn	pear
perch	skirt	tire	torn	world	worm	

bird

her

turn

1. _____ 3. _____ 5. _____

2. _____ 4. _____ 6. _____

earn

work

7. _____ 9. _____

8. _____ 10. _____

Directions Circle the word that has the same vowel sound as the first word. Then write a sentence that uses the word you circled.

11. **farm** frame dart rare

12. **short** hoot horn shot

13. **core** cone to shore

14. **board** boat proud roar



Home Activity Your child identified and wrote words with *r*-controlled vowels. With your child, write sentences for the answer words from items 1-10 above. Ask your child to underline the letters that stand for /*er*/.

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third	early	world	certain	dirty
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Complete the Sentence Write a list word to complete the sentence.

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|--|----------|
| 1. This is really a _____ day! | 1. _____ |
| 2. He had a _____ at the gym. | 2. _____ |
| 3. I put a _____ on my fishhook. | 3. _____ |
| 4. May I have a _____ with you? | 4. _____ |
| 5. I'm so _____ I could drink a gallon of water! | 5. _____ |
| 6. Don't lose your _____! | 6. _____ |
| 7. I'd like to travel around the _____. | 7. _____ |
| 8. This is the _____ time we've won. | 8. _____ |

Opposites Write a list word that means the opposite.

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|-------------|-----------|
| 9. late | 9. _____ |
| 10. unsure | 10. _____ |
| 11. noun | 11. _____ |
| 12. himself | 12. _____ |
| 13. sky | 13. _____ |
| 14. clean | 14. _____ |
| 15. win | 15. _____ |

earth
certain
early
dirty
herself
verb
earn



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Proofread Workout Tips Circle four misspelled words. Write them correctly. Cross out the incorrect end mark and write the correct one.

Workout Tips

- Some people plan a workout early in the day, but there's no perfect time. Just be certain you do it!
- Drink extra water—even if you're not thirsty.
- Do something you like. Have you heard that jogging is best.

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third
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word

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worm
thirsty
workout
earn

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Proofread Words Circle the correctly spelled word.

Write it.

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|-------------|---------|-----------|
| 5. nurve | nerve | 5. _____ |
| 6. worm | werm | 6. _____ |
| 7. ern | earn | 7. _____ |
| 8. dirty | durty | 8. _____ |
| 9. third | therd | 9. _____ |
| 10. hurself | herself | 10. _____ |
| 11. workout | werkout | 11. _____ |
| 12. vurb | verb | 12. _____ |

Frequently Misspelled Words

another
brother
heard



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Directions Replace the sound in each word with the correct combination of letters. Choose one of the combinations in the box. Write the word on the line.

/er/ spelled ir, er, ur, ear, or är spelled ar ôr spelled or, ore, oar

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. moth/er/ _____ | 7. b/er/dhouse _____ |
| 2. h/er/t _____ | 8. s/ôr/ing _____ |
| 3. w/er/d _____ | 9. m/ôr/ _____ |
| 4. st/ôr/y _____ | 10. l/er/n _____ |
| 5. lock/er/ _____ | 11. invent/er/ _____ |
| 6. y/är/d _____ | 12. st/är/t _____ |

Directions Each sentence has two words in (). Underline the word that is spelled correctly.

13. The U.S. President is sometimes called the (leader, leadir) of the free world.
14. Grapes can be either green or (perple, purple).
15. Dad has an (armful, oarmful) of dirty clothes.
16. We agreed to meet after our (fearst, first) class of the morning.
17. Will they come (befor, before) or after the party?
18. The old desk was not (worth, wurth) the price they wanted for it.
19. Breakfast is usually the (earliest, erliest) meal of the day.
20. Look on the (chort, chart) to find your name.

