

New sound: ure

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Lesson 81 of 83 (ages 3-6) / 75 of 77 (age 7+) · Vowel Teams & Tricky Words · Ages 3-7+ · about 10 min

GOAL

Your child can say /ure/ when they see "ure", and hear it in words like pure.

WHY IT MATTERS

"ure" is 3 letters that make ONE sound. Seeing them as one unit stops your child reading the letters separately, and unlocks words like pure, cure, secure.

YOU'LL NEED

- The practice sheet for this lesson (worksheet.pdf) and a pencil or crayon.
- The lesson page on a phone or tablet, for the sounds and games.

LESSON FLOW about 10 minutes

1 min

Warm up

Quick flash of the last sounds: write "air", "ear", "oi" on paper, point, and your child says each sound.

SAY | "What sound is this? And this one?"

2 min

Listen

Play /ure/ on the lesson page three times. Your child watches your mouth and copies.

SAY | "This is /ure/. Watch my mouth: 'yoo' then add 'r'."

2 min

Show how

Show the letters "ure" and the action: Point to things saying are you sure?. Then tap the words on the lesson page.

SAY | "When I see ure, I say /ure/. pure: /ure/ pure!"
"Two letters, one sound. They're best friends: they always stick together."

2 min

Do it together

Sound hunt: find 3 things at home with /ure/. Then do the trace-and-write part of the practice sheet. Read together: pure, cure.

2 min

Play

Play the games on the lesson page: hear /ure/ and tap its letters.

1 min

Wrap up

Ask your child to teach the sound and action to someone else in the family.

SAY | "Can you show Grandma our new sound?"

USE WITH THIS LESSON

- **This lesson online (listening + games)**
phonicademy.com/plan/session/sound-ure
- **Printable: Diphthongs Worksheet — R-Patterns (Free PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/diphthongs-worksheet-r-patterns
- **Read: Vowel Teams List (Free PDF): ai, ay, ea, ee, oa, oo**
phonicademy.com/blog/vowel-teams-list
- **The “ure” sound — full page**
phonicademy.com/phonemes/ure
- **Printable: Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/abc-phonics-vowel-sounds-chart
- **Read: 20 Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF) with Examples**
phonicademy.com/blog/vowel-sounds-chart

HEAR IT, FIND IT

Say the sound (not the letter name). Your child points to the letters. Tick first-try answers.

#	SAY / SHOW	CHOICES	ANSWER	
1	Say /ure/	ure, air, ear	ure	☐
2	Say /air/	air, ear, ure	air	☐
3	Say /ear/	ear, air, ure	ear	☐

WATCH FOR common mix-ups and what to do

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| Says the sound too quickly to hear. | -> /ure/ can be stretched: hold it like a long note, ureureureure, then let go. |
| Reads the letters one by one (u-r-e). | -> Put one finger under both letters at once: "these two make one sound". |
| Forgets the sound the next day. | -> Normal! Repeat the action and the keyword daily for a week: the action is the memory hook. |

TOO HARD? MAKE IT EASIER

Only do the listening parts today: hear it, say it, find it in pictures. Save the writing for tomorrow.

TOO EASY? MAKE IT HARDER

Read these words and then write two of them from memory: pure, cure.

HOW DID IT GO?

MY CHILD CAN...

- ☐ Says /ure/ when shown "ure".
- ☐ Hears /ure/ in a word you say (pure).
- ☐ Writes "ure" as one sound unit.

Date: _____

Colour in the stars:



Notes: _____