

The Bossy-R Sort — er, ir, ur

er, ir, and ur all say the exact same sound. This sort drills the visual spelling memory that's the only way to tell them apart.

Name: _____

Date: _____

How to use this worksheet

- 1 Read each word in the word bank out loud.
- 2 Decide which spelling it uses: er, ir, or ur.
- 3 Write the word on a blank line under the matching column.
- 4 Ask a grown-up to check your answers against the key at the bottom of the page.

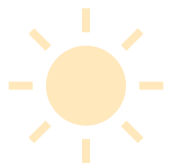
Example — this is what a correct answer looks like:

verb goes under ->

er
verb

Tip

For an extra challenge, do the sort again the next day without looking at the word bank spellings — write each word from memory as it's read aloud.



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Read each word in the word bank, then write it under the column with the same spelling.

Word bank: bird burn fern fur germ girl her nurse purse shirt
squirt stern third turn verb

er

ir

ur

Answer key (for the grown-up checking): er = her, fern, germ, stern, verb; ir = bird, shirt, girl, third, squirt; ur = fur, burn, turn, purse, nurse

