

One Syllable Words with Vowel Sound ER

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The /er/ sound is spelled six ways in the OnTrack Reading curriculum and is taught after the /ow/ and /oe/ sounds have been taught.

The words in the list below start with basic code consonant spellings, then progress to more complex consonant spellings. Any words marked with an asterisk (*) contain consonant spellings that are not taught explicitly in the OnTrack Reading curriculum. Words with a double asterisk (**) contain very rare spellings of a sound.

-er-	flirt	turn	-ar-
her	skirt	church	All words
herd	stir	churn	with this
jerk	swirl	lurch	spelling are
clerk	twirl	curse	more than one
fern	shirk	nurse	syllable, e.g.,
per	shirt	purse	“wizard” and
perm	chirp	purge	“dollar”
serf	birth	urge	
sperm	third	curve	
term	thirst		
verb	whirl	-ear-	
per ch	squirt	heard	
ber th		earl	
verse	-ur-	earn	
germ	curb	learn	
merge	fur	pearl	
verge	blur	search h	
nerve	curl	hearse	
serve	hurl		
swerve	lurk	-or-	
	burn	word	
-ir-	urn	work	
bird	burp	world	
fir	spur	worm	
girl	surf	worst	
firm	burst	worth	
sir	hurt	worse	
dirt	spurt		
first	turf		