

Spelling list: *ur* words

The *ur* spelling pattern is used to represent the /er/ sound in English, like in *fur* and *nurse* .

You can click on the speaker icon next to the *ur* words in this list to hear how the /er/ sound is pronounced. Use the *Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check* spelling activity to learn how to say these *ur* words yourself.

In these words, the *ur* combination comes after a consonant and falls in the middle or at end of a word.

There are three other ways of spelling the /er/ sound so make sure you use the spelling activities to familiarise yourself with these examples of *ur* words. Soon you will develop a memory for which spelling to use for different words that contain the /er/ sound.

fur	The bear has thick fur .
blur	His vision began to blur .
slur	An insult is a slur .
nurse	Jane is training to be a nurse .
purse	A thief seized my mother's purse .
purple	Mix red and blue to get purple .
burst	Don't burst that balloon.
burn	Our new stove can burn wood or coal.
curl	The dogs curl up on the couch.
hurl	I hurl the ball to my teammate.
surf	I love to surf .
turf	We cut a piece of turf from the ground.
church	It was very quiet in the church .
curve	The racing car sped around the curve of the track.
return	It's time for us to return home.
murder	We watched a murder mystery on TV.

turnip	The man grew a huge turnip .
Thursday	I went to the shop on Thursday .
Saturday	Jack goes swimming every Saturday .