

Spelling list: Words ending in *er*

When the *schwa* sound appears at the end of a word, it is sometimes spelled with the letters *er* . The *schwa* sound is a neutral vowel sound, like a soft *uh* sound.

In English, we often add the suffix *er* to a word to describe a person who or thing that performs a particular action. For example, a *teacher* is someone who *teaches* , and a *baker* is someone who *bakes* .

This pattern is also used to form adjectives that are used to compare two things based on a particular quality. For instance, *bigger* is used to describe something that is a larger size than something else.

faster	Hannah ran faster than Lee.
sharper	My pencil is sharper than yours.
lighter	It stays lighter for longer in the summer.
smoother	My hair has become smoother since I switched shampoo.
baker	The baker kneaded the dough thoroughly.
driver	Car lights can dazzle drivers at night.
dancer	The dancer twists and turns.
rider	She was an excellent rider .
runner	Will is the fastest runner in the school.
swimmer	The buoyancy aid helped keep the weak swimmer afloat.
teacher	The teacher gave me good advice.
daughter	My brother's daughter is my niece.
lawyer	The arrested man asked for a lawyer .
writer	The writer won a prestigious prize.
manager	They hoped their manager would let them leave early.
publisher	I have asked my publisher for an extension on my book deadline.

anger	I managed to control my anger .
answer	He was reluctant to answer my question.
deliver	When will you be able to deliver my order?
helicopter	The rescue helicopter pulled him from the sea.