

Book 4: Worst Birthday Ever



Reading and sorting: words with er spellings

er

ur

ir

or

ear

search

disturb

world

purse

her

first

worm

early

bird

serve

turn

worth

heard

curl

dirt

birth

sister

expert

verse

pattern

Words with er
Moon Dogs at Home series
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Photocopy this page onto card and cut into reading and sorting cards. Store cards in an envelope and stick the label on the front for reference. This activity can be split into two levels by colour coding the spellings on the cards first with highlighter pens. Cards can also be made into a simple matching game by printing on two different colours of card. Select five or six words and place face down on the table. Take it in turns to find the pairs.



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Colour in the words with ir spellings

bird

stir

birth

thimble

five

shift

blink

strict

first

whirl

girl

stick

tickle

dirt

dripped

zip

shirt

crisp

spit

firm

Fold this sheet on the dotted line. Read the words in the column on the left. Listen to the sounds in the words. Colour in the lozenges with words that have **ir** spellings. Repeat this in the other columns. Unfold the sheet and check the correct words have been coloured in.



Timed reading

firm burnt worm worse her fir earn
word hurt shirt yearn work turn fern
learn world burp sister further early dirty
worth firm church search enter

1st try Time:

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2nd try Time:

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3rd try Time:

This timed reading exercise is for the pupil to improve his/her reading speed and fluency. Ask the pupil to read the words as fast as he/she can. Record the time in the box. Repeat the exercise. This sheet can be cut or folded along the dotted lines to allow for different presentations.



Is it true?



It is Bella's birthday. Ned gives her a skirt with a flower pattern on it. He makes her a plate of cupcakes. Bella is sad because she has a pain in her leg. Ned has a plan. He rings his mum and dad. The Moon Dogs decorate Bella's garden with banners and posters. Bella tells Ned it is the best birthday ever.

There are 6 things in the story above that are not true.
Can you spot them?

Ask the pupil to read the text carefully and circle any false information that has been planted in the story.

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4-in-a-row game



her	fir	earn	word	hurt
jerk	shirt	earn	work	turn
fern	bird	learn	world	burp
kerb	dirty	worm	firm	skirt
term	churn	curse	verse	burst
curl	turtle	stern	stirs	spur
circle	purse	butler	nurse	fur



A game for two players: Play with two sets of coloured counters or two different sets of coins. Players take turns to read a word and put a counter on it. The winner is the first to get four of his or her counters in a row in any direction. The winner places a counter on a picture of Bella. The game is played four times until all the pictures of Bella are covered.