

R-Controlled Vowels: er, ir and ur

Name: _____

These three spellings all make the same sound. Sort them by spelling.

Word bank: Thursday bird burn camper circle curl curve dirt fern first girl her hurt letter nurse person purple shirt silver third thirsty turn under winter

er	ir	ur

R-Controlled Vowels: er, ir and ur — Answer Key

er: her, fern, under, winter, person, letter, silver, camper

ir: bird, girl, third, shirt, first, thirsty, circle, dirt

ur: turn, burn, hurt, purple, nurse, curl, Thursday, curve

er, ir and ur sound alike, so these words have to be learned by sight as well as by sound.