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Bossy R: er, ir, ur: Learn and Practice

Three spellings, one er sound

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Three Ways to Spell er

- The teams e r, i r and u r all make the same sound, like in her, bird and fur.
- You have to learn which spelling each word uses.
- h + er: her, b + ir + d: bird, f + ur: fur

1. Which word rhymes with fur?
   A. stir B. stop C. star D. stem

2. Which word rhymes with curl?
   A. tell B. tall C. twirl D. tool

3. 👧 Which word has the er sound, like in bird?
   A. gill B. girl C. goal D. gull

4. Which word has the er sound, like in her?
   A. tan B. ten C. tin D. turn

5. 🐦 Pick the correct spelling: A ___ sings in the tree.
   A. berd B. brid C. burd D. bird

6. Pick the correct spelling: Wait for your ___ in line.
   A. trun B. tren C. tirn D. turn

7. 🌿 Which word has the er sound?
   A. fan B. fun C. fern D. fin

8. 🐱 Pick the correct spelling: A cat has soft ___.
   A. furr B. fir C. fur D. fer

✏️ Draw and write! Draw a picture and write one word from today.

ANSWER KEY

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1 Which word rhymes with fur?

A. stir B. stop C. star D. stem

Stir and fur rhyme. They end with the same er sound, even with different letters.

2 Which word rhymes with curl?

A. tell B. tall **C. twirl** D. tool

Twirl and curl rhyme. One uses i r and one uses u r, but they sound the same.

3 👧 Which word has the er sound, like in bird?

A. gill **B. girl** C. goal D. gull

Girl has i r in the middle, which says er, just like bird.

4 Which word has the er sound, like in her?

A. tan B. ten C. tin **D. turn**

Turn has u r, which makes the same er sound as her.

5 🐦 Pick the correct spelling: A ___ sings in the tree.

A. berd B. brid C. burd **D. bird**

Bird is spelled with i r. That is a spelling to remember!

6 Pick the correct spelling: Wait for your ___ in line.

A. trun B. tren C. tirn **D. turn**

Turn is spelled with u r, just like burn and hurt.

7 🌿 Which word has the er sound?

A. fan B. fun **C. fern** D. fin

Fern has e r in the middle, which says er.

8 🐱 Pick the correct spelling: A cat has soft ___.

A. furr B. fir **C. fur** D. fer

Fur is the soft hair on an animal. A fir is a kind of tree.