

'er', 'ir' and 'ur' all make the same sound /er/ so they are particularly difficult to spell. At this stage the focus will be upon reading, only spelling some of the simpler words. It is usually best to learn one sound at a time.

Some of the activities combine all the vowel 'r' sounds.

'er' is usually learnt quickly so lessons focus upon 'ir' and then 'ur'.

### Lesson Plan

	activity	time
1	Watch the animated 'er, ir, ur' rule. Students can draw to reinforce the rule. Watch the 'er' 'ur' and 'ir' animated phonic sounds. Make the three flash cards.	4 minutes
2	Worksheet: 'ur' match word to picture.	3 minutes
3	Card game: play the 'ur' Chain game for reading only.	4 minutes
4	Computer game: play Gorilla Tickler game with the 'ur' word list.	3 minutes
5	Worksheet: 'ur' wordsearch.	3 minutes
6	Interactive worksheet: 'ur' sentence picture match.	3 minutes
Homebag: Smarty game ar/or/er and flashcards.		

Next lesson, the same series of activities can be used for 'ir'.

When all the vowel 'r' sounds have been introduced activities can combine them.

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	activity	time
1	Recap all phonic sound flashcards, ending upon ar/or/er/ir/ur.	3 minutes
2	Card game: Follow On reading.	5 minutes
3	Worksheet: spell under picture ur/ir.	4 minutes
4	Card game: Happy Families ar/or/er/ir/ur.	6 minutes
5	Worksheet: speed read and record score on a graph.	2 minutes

