

Vowel + r

Many words in English contain a spelling pattern made up of a vowel + 'r':

ar er ir or ur

Some of these patterns have several different sounds, so it is important to remember the **look** of any word containing the pattern as well as its **sound**.

*The exercises on this sheet include all the above patterns.
Other sheets concentrate on one or two of the patterns at a time.*

A. Days, months and numbers

1. Write down the months of the year which contain **ar**.
2. Write down the months of the year which contain **er**.
3. Write down the days of the week which contain **ur**.
4. Write these in words: **13 30 3rd 30th 1st 31st**

B. Fill the gaps in these everyday signs and names. Each gap contains one of these spelling patterns:

ar er ir or ur

M ____ R I S O N S

M ____ K S A N D S P E N C ____

B ____ R G ____ K I N G

S T. P E T ____ ' S C H ____ C H

S U P ____ S T ____ E

V ____ G I N

F ____ N I T ____ E S T ____ E

N O P ____ K I N G

C. Think of some place-names which contain any of these spelling patterns:

ar er ir or ur

e.g. **Carmarthen Chester Irvine Cork Thurso**

D. Write a few sentences describing a day's Christmas shopping. Include words which contain each of these spelling patterns:

ar er ir or ur

e.g. **card merry fir port turkey**