

# 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 \_\_\_ RISONS M \_\_\_ KS AND SPENC \_\_\_**

**B \_\_\_ RG \_\_\_ KING ST. PET \_\_\_ 'S CH \_\_\_ CH**

**SUP \_\_\_ ST \_\_\_ E V \_\_\_ GIN**

**F \_\_\_ NIT \_\_\_ E ST \_\_\_ E NO P \_\_\_ KING**

## 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**