

## Er Digraph Word List

We've split the list into different sound categories in alphabetical order to help you locate words you might want to use with your children.

### /ur/ Sound as in her

#### *One syllable words:*

berg berk berth cert fern germ her herb herd jerk kerb merge nerd nerve per perch perk perm serf serve sperm stern swerve term tern terse twerp verb verge verse

#### *Two syllable words:*

adverb advert adverse alert assert avert defer deserve deter divert diverse certain clergy concern conserve convert covert deserve dessert deter divert emerge exert expert ferment fertile fervent fervour (UK) fervor (USA) gerbil German gherkin hermit infer insert kernel merchant mercy mermaid nervous observe perfect perfume permit (noun) person Perspex persuade proverb refer reserve sermon serpent servant superb termite thermal verdant verdict vermin

#### *Three or More Syllable words:*

acerbic dermatologist eternal eternity external herbalist inferno internal perjury permanent terminal terminate university vertebrae vertical vertigo



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### Unstressed /ur/ Sound (/ə/ or /Ə/ Schwa Sound)

adder after anger alter anger antler amber archer badger baker banner barber beaker beaver berserk  
better biker blender blister bother bowler boxer bravery brother burger butler butter caber camper caper  
carer cater cavern cider cooker copper cover cower cracker crater cyber dagger danger darker daughter  
diaper digger dinner diver dryer elder ember energy enter ever father fever fewer fibber finger flower  
flyer foyer glider hacker hammer hamster helicopter helper hiker hunter jogger jumper ladder lager laser  
later letter lever linger litter liver locker loner longer loser lover lower master matter meter miner miser  
mixer modern mother mower murder never number offer older opera order other otter over owner  
pamper panther paper pepper perceive percent perhaps permit (verb) perplexed pliers poker poverty  
powder power ranger river rocker rower rubber ruler shower silver simmer skewer skier sister slipper  
smoker snigger sober soccer spanner spider summer super supper surfer tanker teacher temper  
thunder tiger tipper toaster tower twitter udder ulcer under utter viper wafer water whisker wider winter  
wiper wonder conversation

### /ear/ Sound

bacteria cafeteria cereal hero interior Nero query serious serum superior zero



## Er Digraph Word List

/ar/ Sound

clerk derby sergeant

/air/ Sound

bolero sombrero

/r/ Sound (silent e)

camera every (also the word 'different' in some accents).

Pseudo-words Containing the Er Digraph

Berf Berm Blerd Clerb Derp Ferp Gert Glerp Herp Jerg Jert Kerf Nerb Nerk Nerf Perf Pergs Perp Plerd  
Serck Smert Swerd Twerb Yerk Zerk

