

# Stressed -er

*The early bird catches the worm.*

**To make this sound:** Relax your jaw and point the tip of your tongue towards the roof of your mouth in the middle. It should be near the top but not touching. Turn on your voice and say, “r-r-r-r”.

## Initial

1. earth
2. early
3. herb
4. earnings
5. urge
6. urgent
7. urban
8. earthworm

## Medial

1. furnish
2. bird
3. certain
4. dirty
5. girl
6. hurt
7. journey
8. learn
9. nurse
10. worst
11. yearning
12. purple
13. turkey
14. virtue
15. nerdy
16. purse
17. personal
18. surely/Shirley
19. shirt
20. circle
21. squirrel
22. turn/tern
23. thirsty
24. Thursday
25. skirt

26. church

### Final

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| 1. her   | 7. purr  |
| 2. blur  | 8. stir  |
| 3. burr  | 9. sir   |
| 4. cur   | 10. sure |
| 5. fur   | 11. were |
| 6. myrrh |          |

### Practice Sentences

1. You can grow **herbs** even in an **urban** garden.
2. **Early** in the morning, the **earthworms** are on top of the **earth**.
3. I **urge** you to save part of your **earnings**.
4. I'm **sure** **her** request is **urgent**.
5. The **cur** had **burrs** all over his **fur**.
6. The smell of the **myrrh** made the cat **purr**.
7. **Were** you going to **stir** the pot?
8. The **journey** was quite a **blur**, **sir**.
9. That **girl** needs to clean **her** **bird's** **dirty** cage.
10. I'm **certain** that the hotel will **furnish** the **linens**.
11. **Surely** the **nurse** can help the **hurt** **squirrel**.
12. **Shirley** has **purple** **circles** on her **skirt**.
13. It's **your** **turn** to provide drinks for **thirsty** children on **Thursday**.
14. The **nerdy** employee had the **worst** **yearning** for **turkey**.
15. Did you take any **personal** items out of my **purse**?
16. The **church** should teach **virtue**.

### Tongue Twisters

- Near an ear, a nearer ear, a nearly eerie ear.
- The boy in the red shirt was shut in the hut with a hurt foot.
- The girl turned around to see the tern and the seagull.
- The urban earthworm urgently ate the early herbs.
- Shirley wore a shiny shirt tucked inside a skinny skirt.
- The thirsty turkey feared the worst on Thursday.
- Percy stole a purple purse and gave it to a nerdy nurse.