

R-controlled syllables: /er/ spelled er

Objectives: TLW locate the /er/ sound in words. TLW read words with the /er/ sound spelled er in isolation and in context.

Warm-Up: Review applying what students know about the syllable types learned thus far by having students decode the following words with you: **ornate, harvest, marble, deport, ordeal, professor.**

Procedures:

1. Review that an r-controlled syllable is one where a vowel letter is immediately followed by an r that affects the vowel's sound—it is neither long, nor short. Cite examples from previously taught lessons /ar/ and /or/. State that today, we are focusing on /er/ spelled er.
2. Do a phonemic awareness activity where students locate the /er/ sound in the following words: **clerk, cover, merge, fern, lower, conserve, reporter, perhaps, informer, Ernie.** *Help students discover that the /er/ sound can be found at the beginning, middle, or end of words. Explain that it is more common to hear it in the middle and end of words.
3. Write “er” on the board. Explain that these letters say the /er/ sound.

4. Practice reading the list of /er/ spelled “er” words.
*Review previously taught phonics rules/syllable types as they occur. **Remember I do, we do, you do.**
5. Practice reading /er/ spelled “er” words in context (My Brother Ernie).
6. Review that “er” says /er/ and that it is another example of an r-controlled syllable.

*Follow-up with /er/ spelled ur and ir lessons.

Words with /er/ spelled “er”

concert	clever	proper
orchestra	person	perfect
expert	wager	checkers
Ernie	hamburger	proper
clutter	jester	harder

My Brother Ernie

I'd like to tell you about an important person in my life—my older brother, Ernie.

Most of the time, Ernie and I have the perfect relationship. Like when we play checkers and he helps me win (Ernie is an expert when it comes to checkers); or like when he makes me a hamburger when I'm hungry.

But sometimes, things don't go so well.

One time, Ernie and I went to the concert hall to listen to an orchestra play. We were ordered by our mother to be quiet and act proper. Clever Ernie made a wager with me. He said, "If you can go to the concert and not laugh the whole time, I'll clean the clutter in our room for a month." I agreed.

When the orchestra began to play, Ernie started to bother me—he made funny faces and became a real jester. I knew sooner or later, I was going to laugh out loud; it was getting harder and harder to ignore Ernie.

Finally, closer to the end of the concert, I burst out laughing and so did Ernie! The two of us got into trouble and my mom ordered us both to clean our room.

