er, ir and ur: Same Sound, Different Spellings

Separate guide. Use with the matching activity page.

Answers and explanation

er: her, fern

ir: bird, shirt

ur: turn, burn

Clue 1: bird

Clue 2: shirt

Clue 3: turn

How to support the activity

Accept the learner’s accent. These selected stressed-vowel words illustrate three spellings; avoid adding unstressed er endings to the same sound group automatically.