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MODULE 3: DESARROLLO DE DESTREZAS DE LA PRONUNCIACIÓN EN INGLÉS

R-Colored vowel sound /ɜ/ as in "first"



video lesson: Watch the following video about the production of the sound [ɜ]. Watch the video as many times as you need it to produce such important vowel sound.





Instructions: Practice pronunciation of the [ɜ] sound with the top 30 most common words.

1. her	11. heard	21. earth
2. were	12. word	22. burn
3. work	13. hurt	23. worth
4. sure	14. person	24. service
5. first	15. murder	25. worse
6. sir	16. learn	26. search
7. girl	17. return	27. birthday
8. turn	18. hurry	28. during
9. world	19. early	29. security
10. worry	20. perfect	30. certainly

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Spelling

The sound /ər/ is spelled many different ways. Add more examples below.

er person, weren't, certainly, prefer, _____
ir first, bird, girl, circle, _____
ur Thursday, nurse, hurt, turn, _____

Other spellings:

or after the letter *w*: word, work, world, worst
ear early, learn, heard, earth

Vocabulary

Listen and repeat these words with the sound 3-

nurse	earns	were	dirty	world
hurts	work	weren't	thirty	certainly
heard	first	early	worst	Thursday

Common Expressions

Listen and repeat these common expressions with the sound 3-

Hurry!	I walk to **work**.
Certainly.	I was the **first** **person** there.
Don't **worry**.	the **world**'s **worst**

Instructions: Listen **to the dialogue and complete it by dragging and dropping the words from the word bank where corresponding.**

WORD BANK

Vowel sound
[3-]

world | earns | dirty | hurts
were | certainly | worst | early

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Conversation: The worst nurse

Two patients are talking about the nurses at the hospital.

Bert: Nurse! Nurse! I´m thirsty!

Earl: Nurse! My head _____!

Bert: (turning to Earl) Peal is the _____ nurse, isn´t she?

Earl: Personally, I think Kurt is worse.

Bert: Mmm. He always leaves work _____.



Earl: And he always wears a _____ shirt.

Bert: I heard he _____ thirty dollars an hour.

Earl: He _____ doesn´t deserve it.

Bert: He and Pearl weren´t at work on Thursday, _____ they?

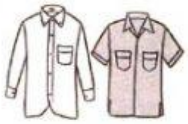
Earl: They´re the worst nurses on the floor, aren´t they?

Bert: No- they´re the worst nurses in the _____!

Instructions: Listen **to these word pairs and repeat.**

Sound 1: /ʌ/		Sound 2: /ər/	
	shut	shirt	
	bud	bird	
	bun	burn	
	gull	girl	

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Sound 1: /ɔr/		Sound 2: /ər/	
	four	fur	
	store	stir	
	torn	turn	
	shorts	shirts	
	award	a word	



Instructions: Listen **and choose the word you hear by writing an "X" in the parenthesis.**



1. A. four
   B. far
   C. fur

2. A. stare
   B. store
   C. stir

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3. A. short
   B. shut
   C. Shirt

4. A. bored
   B. bud
   C. bird

5. A. torn
   B. ton
   C. turn

6. A. born
   B. barn
   C. bun
   D. burn

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Vowel sound

[ɝ]

1. Is it _____?
   - A. four
   - B. far
   - C. fur

2. They were wearing black _____.
   - A. shorts
   - B. shirts

3. Do you see the _____ on the tree?
   - A. buds
   - B. birds

4. Can you_____faster?
   - A. walk
   - B. work

5. Those _____don´t look good to me.
   - A. barns
   - B. buns
   - C. burns

6. There were two_____ on the beach.
   - A. gulls
   - B. girls

R-Colored vowel sound /ɚ/ as in "after"

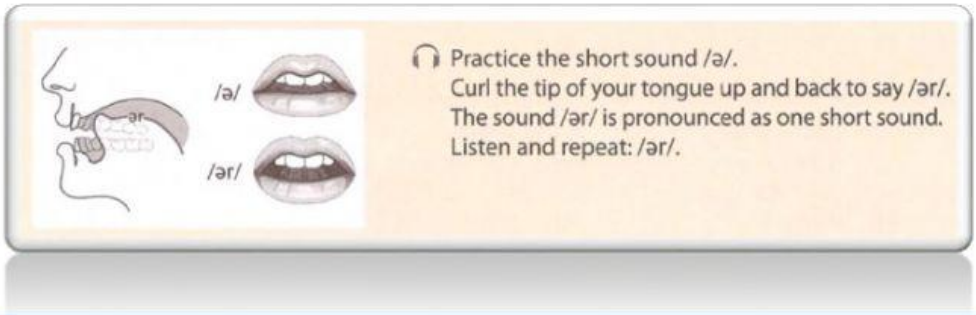
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WATCH THIS VIDEO



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1.	never	11.	another	21.	sister
2.	over	12.	together	22.	daughter
3.	other	13.	brother	23.	murder
4.	after	14.	matter	24.	either
5.	better	15.	doctor	25.	figure
6.	father	16.	water	26.	wonder
7.	ever	17.	order	27.	picture
8.	understand	18.	under	28.	dinner
9.	remember	19.	whatever	29.	perhaps
10.	mother	20.	answer	30.	master

Vocabulary

1 The sound /ər/ is used in many unstressed syllables spelled with a vowel + *r*. In the words below, the spelling has been changed to show you when to use the sound /ər/. Listen and repeat.

waitər	**lawyər**	**actər**	**farmər**
doctər	**teachər**	**paintər**	**reportər**

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/ər/ in Unstressed Syllables and Words

- The sound /ər/ is used in many unstressed syllables spelled with a vowel + *r*.
- It is also used in the weak pronunciation of many short structure words spelled with a vowel + *r*, such as *are*, *for*, and *or*.
- The word *or* is usually unstressed and pronounced as the sound /ər/. It sounds the same as the unstressed ending *-er* in *teacher*.

1 Listen and repeat.



soup ər salad



large ər small

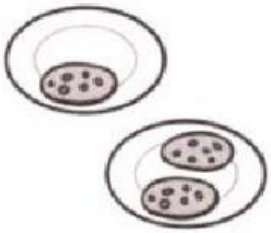


married ər single

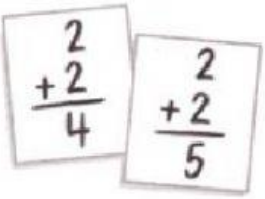
2 Practice with a partner. Complete the phrases.



coffee ər _____



one ər _____



right ər _____



summər ər _____



Satərday ər _____



chocolate ər _____

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Intonation in Choice Questions with *or*



Questions with *or* that ask the listener to make a choice have rising intonation on the first choice and falling intonation on the last choice.

1 Listen and repeat these two conversations.

A Would you like **coffee** or **tea**?

B **Tea**, please.

A Are you **married** or **single**?

B **Married**.

2 Practice with a partner. Ask a choice question with *or* about each pair of items in task B. Begin your question with phrases like these:

Would you like . . . ? Is it . . . ?
Do you want . . . ? Are you . . . ?

Dialog: Asking a favor

Spencer asks his roommate to get some things at the supermarket.

1 Weak pronunciations usually have the sound /ə/ or /ər/. In the words on the right, the spelling has been changed to show you when to use the sound /ə/ or /ər/. Listen and repeat these phrases.

to the doctor	tə thə doctər
for me	fər me
at the supermarket	ət thə supərmarkət
on your way	on yər way
do you want	də yə want
Where are you going?	Where əre yə going?
_____	_____
_____	_____

Shopping List

bread
tuna fish
peanut butter
yogurt

Listen and repeat these common expressions with the sound /ər/.

See you lat**er**.
Don't f**or**get.
What's **for** dinn**er**?
Do you know the answ**er**?
Are you married **or** single?
Do you have any brothe**rs** **or** siste**rs**?

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Instructions: Listen **to the dialogue and complete it by dragging and dropping the words from the word bank where corresponding.**

WORD BANK

Vowel sound

[ə]

container	butter	doctor	supermarket
for	flavor	water	only

Conversation



Tyler: See you _____.

Spencer: Where are you going?

Tyler: To the _____.

Spencer: Can you get something for me at the _____ on your way home?

Tyler: Ok. What do you want me to get?

Spencer: I need some bread.

Tyler: Do you want white bread or whole wheat?

Spencer: Whole wheat. And can you get a couple of cans of tuna fish?

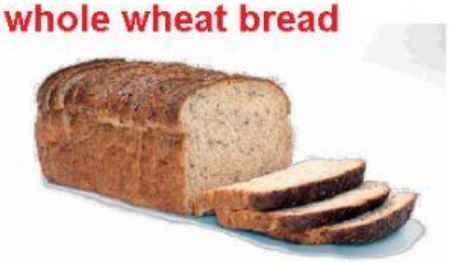
Tyler: Do you want tuna packed in oil or _____?

Spencer: Water. Oh, and a jar of peanut _____ and a _____ of vanilla yogurt.

Tyler: Hey, that´s a lot of stuff!

Spencer: And one more thing – a pint of ice cream.

whole wheat bread



Tyler: What _____ do you want?

Spencer: What flavor do you like?

Tyler: Me?

Spencer: Yes, the ice cream is _____ you. To thank you for stopping at the supermarket.

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