

MODULE 3: DESARROLLO DE DESTREZAS DE LA PRONUNCIACIÓN EN INGLÉS

 **R-Colored vowel sound /ɜː/ as in "first"**



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

**WATCH THIS VIDEO**



**What is  
the ɜː vowel sound?**



**Instructions:** Practice pronunciation of the **[ɜː]** 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

## 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 

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 

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  
[ər]

world

earns

dirty

hurts

were

certainly

worst

early

# 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) Pearl 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/**



shut



bud



bun



gull

**Sound 2: /ər/**



shirt



bird



burn



girl

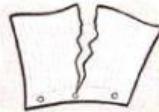
Sound 1: /ɔ:/

4

four



store



torn



shorts



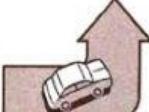
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fur



stir



turn



shirts



a word



Sound 2: /ə:/



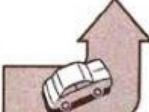
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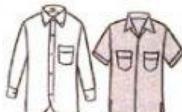
stir



turn



shirts



a word



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



1. A. four  
B. far  
C. fur

3. A. short  
B. shut  
C. Shirt

5. A. torn  
B. ton  
C. turn

2. A. stare  
B. store  
C. stir

4. A. bored  
B. bud  
C. bird

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

Vowel sound

[ɔ: ]



Vowel sound

[ɜː]

1. Is it \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. four
- B. far
- C. fur

3. Do you see the \_\_\_\_\_ on the tree?

- A. buds
- B. birds

5. Those \_\_\_\_\_ don't look good to me.

- A. barns
- B. buns
- C. burns

2. They were wearing black \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. shorts
- B. shirts

4. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ faster?

- A. walk
- B. work

6. There were two \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach.

- A. gulls
- B. girls



## R-Colored vowel sound /ɜː/ as in "after"

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What is  
the  vowel sound?



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



Practice the short sound /ə/.  
Curl the tip of your tongue up and back to say /ər/.  
The sound /ər/ is pronounced as one short sound.  
Listen and repeat: /ər/.

1. never	11. another	21. sister
2. over	12. together	22. daughter
3. other	13. brother	23. murderer
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



## /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*.

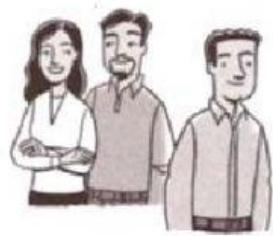
1 Listen and repeat.



soup ər salad



large ər small

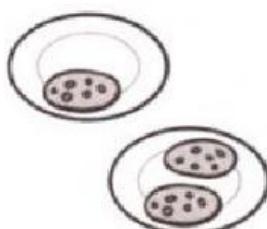


married ər single

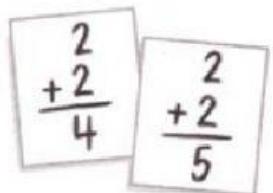
2 Practice with a partner. Complete the phrases.



coffee ər \_\_\_\_\_



one ər \_\_\_\_\_



right ər \_\_\_\_\_



summər ər \_\_\_\_\_



Saturday ər \_\_\_\_\_



chocolate ər \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 the doctər

### Shopping List

for me

fər me

bread

at the supermarket

ət the supərmarkət

tuna fish

on your way

on yər way

peanut butter

do you want

də yə want

yogurt

Where are you going?

Where əre yə going?



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

See you later.

Do you know the answer?

Don't forget.

Are you married or single?

What's for dinner?

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

**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.

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.



**whole wheat bread**

