

Articulation *r*-Controlled Vowel /er/ (*er, ir, ur*)

To make the sound /er/:

- First, open your mouth slightly.
- Next, lift the back of your tongue to touch the sides of your back teeth.
- Then, turn on your voice like you are going to growl and push your breath out.
- Place your fingers on your throat and say the sound again. Do you feel your throat vibrate? (Yes.)

Exemplar Words

Single-Syllable

her	dirt	burn
term	girl	curl
verb	first	hurt
serve	sir	turn

Multisyllabic

perfect	thirteen	further
modern	birthday	surprise
yesterday	disturb	hamburger

Sound Transfer from Home Language

Transfer: none

Approximate Transfer: none

Non-Transfer: Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Arabic,
Haitian Creole

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