



AT HOME SERIES  
MORE VOWEL SPELLINGS



USA



# WORST BIRTHDAY EVER

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# How to use this book

This book introduces the spellings **<er>**, **<ur>**,  
**<ir>**, **<or>** and **<ear>** for the sound 'er'.

Check the reader knows these target spellings  
before reading this book.

er

ur

ir

or

ear

Encourage the reader to read the words  
by blending the sounds together from  
left to right throughout the word.

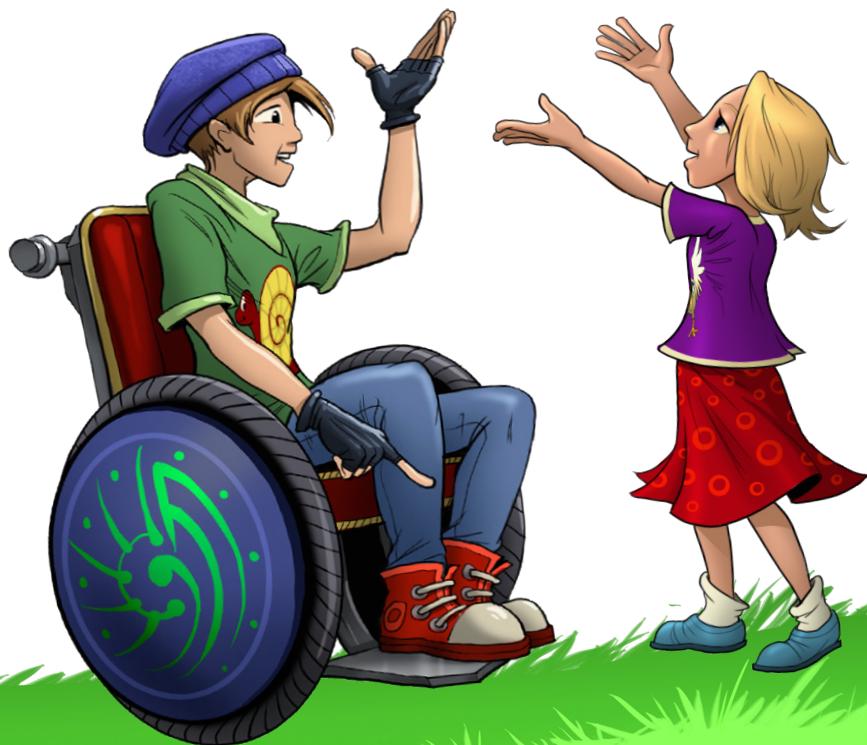
# Vocabulary

t-shirt	– a short-sleeved top
band	– a group of musicians
banner	– a hanging street poster

The characters in this book are:

Ned

Bella



# Reading Practice

**er**

her

serve

nerve

stern

over

finger

sister

ever

**ur**

hurt

curl

turn

church

disturb

**ir**

sir

girl

bird

first

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**or**

word

world

worst

work

**ear**

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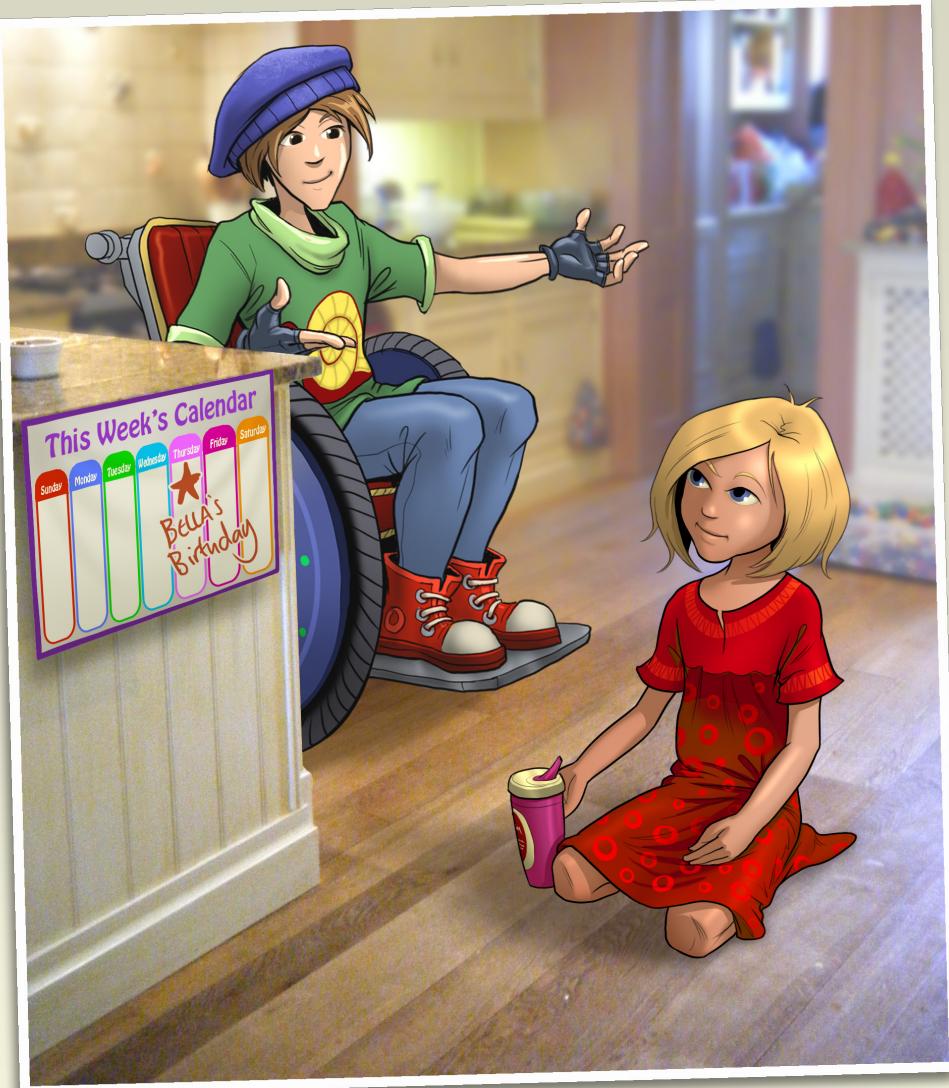
pearl

early

# WORST BIRTHDAY EVER







Ned has a little sister, Bella.

On Thursday, it was Bella's birthday.

She woke up very early.



Ned made Bella a birthday cake.  
He gave her a purple t-shirt with  
a bird on.



Later in the day Bella felt sad. She missed seeing the rest of the band. “This is the worst birthday ever,” she muttered.



Ned rang the band.

“I have a plan to make Bella feel better” he told them. “Will you help me?”



Later that day, Bella had a birthday treat. Ned's plan had worked! The Moon Dogs had filled her street with posters and banners!



Bella hugged her big brother.  
“This is the best birthday in the  
world!” she told him.

# Words for reading and sorting

Photocopy and cut into cards for reading and sorting, or use as a sorting activity with different colored counters for each sound.

er

ur

ir

or

ear

curl

worst

turn

sister

stir

sir

ever

bird

word

finger

early

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# JUMPING JACK GAME

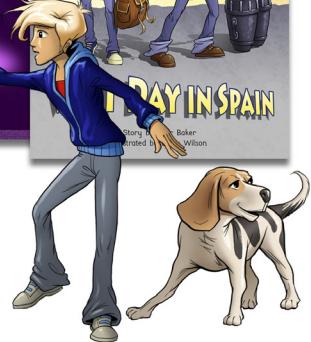
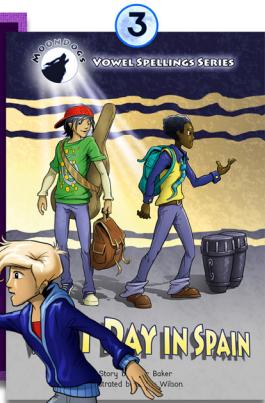
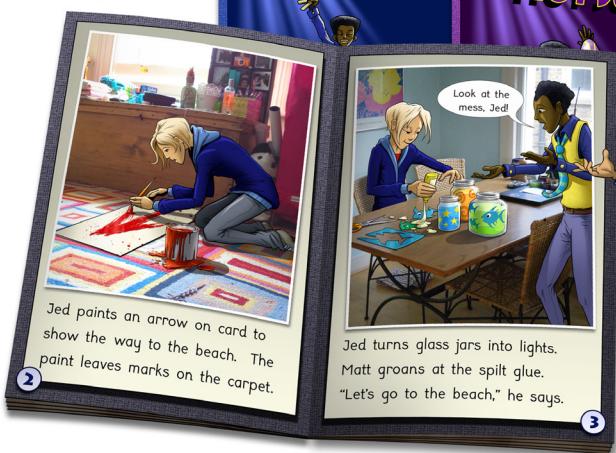


This is a game for two players. Each player has three counters, each set a different color. Players choose to be Red or Blue and place one counter on each of their colors.

Players take turns to move a counter by sliding it into an adjacent space or by jumping over their opponent's counter into an empty space. When a player lands on a word, he/she must read the word aloud. The winner is the first player to get all three of his/her counters in a straight line.

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# er, ur, ir, or, ear

It is Ned's little sister's birthday. She feels sad that she can't meet up with the rest of the band. Luckily, Ned has a plan.

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