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## Vowel suffix 'er'

These words are changed by adding the suffix 'er'.

- Vowels are the letters 'a', ' $e$ ', ' $i$ ', ' $o$ ', ' ' ', all other letters are consonants.
- Vowels can make a short sound ('a' as in 'tap') or a long sound ('a' as in 'tape').
- Verbs are 'doing' words or actions (run, skip, jump). Nouns are 'naming words' (boy, dog, chair).
- The suffix 'er' changes a verb into a noun (jump/jumper).
- Syllables are the beats in a word: 'do' (1 beat), 'do-ing' (2 beats), 'un-do-ing' (3 beats).

| (list 3:4) | Practise 1 <br> (copy into space) | Practise 2 <br> (fold and hide) | Can spell word <br> (check and correct) |
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| Spelling tip: | One syllable words with a short vowel followed by two or more consonants: just add 'er' (send/sender). |  |  |
| washer |  |  |  |
| sender |  |  |  |
| thinker |  |  |  |
| blinker |  |  |  |
| jumper |  |  |  |


| Spelling tip: | One syllable words with a short vowel followed by a final consonant: double the final letter (run/runner). |  |  |
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| planner |  |  |  |
| stepper |  |  |  |
| slipper |  |  |  |
| shopper |  |  |  |
| rubber |  |  |  |


| Spelling tip: | One syllable words with long vowel sounds or two vowels followed by a final consonant: just add 'er'. |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| waiter |  |  |  |
| dreamer |  |  |  |
| boiler |  |  |  |
| bowler |  |  |  |
| cooker |  |  |  |

## Common Exception Words

These words have unusual or uncommon letter combinations. We must learn to recognise and spell each of them in their own right.
actually
build
century
difficult
eighth

