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# Earl's Words

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Earl plays word games with Mum and Dad.



Earl reads up on the origins of words.  
'Mum, did you know that the word "church"  
came from Greek?' chirps Earl.



‘If you turn the word “nun” back to front, it stays the same!’ Earl tells Dad. ‘Can you think of words that are the same back to front?’  
“Bib!” says Dad.  
‘And “Mum”!’ yells Mum. ‘That works as well!’



‘What have the words “twirl” and “hurt” got in common, Earl?’ asks Dad.

‘They’re both verbs!’ responds Earl.



Earl tells jokes with word puns.  
‘Why did the herd of goats cross the road?’  
asks Earl as he bursts into a fit of giggles.  
‘To get to the udder side!’



‘Earl,’ says Mum, ‘name words that begin with b!’

“‘Bird”, “box”, “birth” and “burn”,’ blurts Earl.

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‘And what do you get if you take the first letter off the word “pearl”?’ asks Mum. ‘Let me think...’ Earl stops to let his brain work. ‘You get my name... Earl!’





‘Next term, there will be a spelling bee in class. I just hope I can spell all these words,’ thinks Earl, expecting the worst.  
‘Earl, you spell well! No need to fret!’ Dad tells him with a grin.

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A Sounds-Write book for the Extended Code Unit 6 /er/ from the First Steps Collection.

Students may need help with the following words:  
Earl, origins, front, udder, letter, pearl.



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