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Students may have difficulty with the spelling and pronunciation of words ending with er and le.

Listen

Say: Let’s listen to some Basic Words that end in er and le. Model these words from the Basic Words list, emphasizing the ending sound of each word: river, ladder, color, purple, and travel. Explain that the el and le endings sound alike, as do the er and or endings.

Speak and Read

Hold up word cards for the following words: apple, people, travel, uncle, and flower, number, and color. Before displaying a card, read its word aloud. Have students tell whether the word ends in el, le, or, or er. Then display the card and have a volunteer read the word aloud. Have students repeat after you as you practice the words river, ladder, color, purple, and travel, emphasizing the final /ar/ or /al/ sounds of each.

Write summer, winter, and color on the board. Have students circle the er and or endings. Say: The /ar/ sounds are usually spelled e-r, but sometimes the /al/ sounds can be spelled o-r.

Write apple, turtle, and travel on the board. Have students circle the le or el ending. Say: The /al/ sounds at the end of a word are usually spelled l-e, but sometimes they can be spelled e-l.

Spell

Beginning/Preproduction Read aloud the Basic Words apple, summer, later, uncle, purple, and November. Have students clap once when they hear a word with an le ending and twice when they hear a word with an er ending. Then write apple, summer, later, uncle, purple, and November on the board and have volunteers circle the le or er endings.

Early Production/Speech Emergent Have students create word cards for the Basic Words apple, summer, winter, little, later, uncle, purple, and November. Have partners underline the le or er ending in each word. Have volunteers take turns reading their word cards aloud, emphasizing the sounds of the le or er ending.

Intermediate/Advanced Read aloud the Basic Words apple, summer, winter, little, later, uncle, purple, and November. Ask volunteers to write the words on the board. Ask: Which words have the /al/ sounds spelled l-e? e-l? Which words have the /ar/ sounds spelled e-r? o-r?

Sort

Pair students of different proficiency levels. Write the Basic Words apple, color, flower, summer, winter, little, later, uncle, travel, purple, and November on the board. Have students complete the chart below.

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