## Spelling list: er - longer words

These words use the letters er to spell the sound /er/.

alert The driver was struggling to stay **alert**.

expert She was an **expert** in the field.

external The house had three **external** walls.

conserve We need to **conserve** our energy for the hike.

conversation They were deep in **conversation**.

dessert What would you like for **dessert**?

divert The police started to **divert** the traffic.

deter Good locks can **deter** vehicle theft.

deserve Linda thought that he did not **deserve** the sweets.

fertile Volcanic soil is very **fertile**.

permanent I'm hoping my job will be made **permanent**.

reserve Can we **reserve** our seats on this flight?

refer I will **refer** your complaint to my boss.

universe There are still many mysteries to the **universe**.

university She was awarded a degree at **university**.

terminal She has a **terminal** illness.

terminate Her contract will **terminate** after six months.