

What Is That Chirping?





Chirp! Chirp! Chirp!

Pup sits by his best
shrub. He is so sleepy.
He shuts one lid. He
shuts the next lid.

Chirp! Chirp! Pup sighs.
'I just need a nap.

What is that chirping?

Pup drops his nose
to the dirt. Sniff,
sniff, sniff. 'I will spot
that chirper,' he says.
He checks one shrub
first. Then he checks
the next. But the
chirping just gets
louder. Chirp! Chirp!





Pup **bursts** past the
grass and bumps
smack into Trunk.

'Trunk!' yells Pup.

'Stop that **chirp**!'

Trunk tilts up his trunk
and tries. 'Phbbt,'
says Trunk. That is
not a **chirp** at all.

Chirp! Chirp! Pup peeks out from a shrub and spots Spike. Spike's quills **stir** and stick up. 'Spike!' says Pup. 'Stop that **chirp!**' 'Hiss,' says Spike. That is not a **chirp**. Pup **turns** and jogs on.



'It must be a bird,'
says Pup. 'Birds
chirp!' He hangs
upside down in the
tree. Birds sit still
in a row and gaze
at him. Not one bird
chirps. Not a peep.





Chirp! Chirp! Tiny bugs
sit up on a leaf. 'It is
the bugs!' says Pup.
The bugs go still. Not
a **chirp**. So Pup **curls**
up, snug in the dusk.
At last he can sleep.



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Pup just wants one tiny nap by his favorite bush, but a mystery chirping keeps interrupting. He sniffs the ground, checks behind every bush, and even bumps into Trunk and Spike, sure one of them must be the noisy culprit. Could a whole row of silent birds finally solve the mystery? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 11: er, ir, ur as in her, bird, turn), this book practices words like 'chirp', 'bird', 'dirt', 'stir', 'turns'.

Phonics Focus: <er> <ir> <ur>

bird, birds, bursts, chirp, chirper, chirping, chirps, curls, dirt, first, stir, turns

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