

# Pup Hunts the Chirp





Chirp! Chirp! Chirp!

Pup sits by a plant in the sun. He just wants a nap. He shuts one lid. He shuts the other lid. Chirp! Chirp! Pup **stirs** and grunts.

'Stop that chirp!' Pup yells. 'Who chirps and chirps and chirps?'

Pup drops his nose to  
the **dirt**. Sniff, sniff, sniff.  
'I will find that **chirper**,'  
Pup mutters. 'I will ask  
him to stop.'

He checks behind one  
plant. Nothing. He checks  
behind another. Nothing.  
But the **chirping** never  
stops. **Chirp! Chirp!**





Pup **bursts** into the tall grass and bumps into Trunk. 'It is Trunk!' Pup barks. 'Trunk is the **chirper!**'

Trunk blinks. He opens his lips and tries his best. 'Pfft,' says Trunk.

That is not a **chirp**. That is not a **chirp** at all.

**Chirp! Chirp!** Pup **turns** and checks the next patch.

There sits Spike, all puffed up. 'Is Spike the **chirper?**'

Pup asks. Spike puffs up his quills. 'Hsss,' says

Spike. That is not a **chirp**. Pup grunts and moves on.



'It must be a **bird**,' says  
Pup. '**Birds chirp!**' He  
scrambles up the plant  
and hangs from a  
branch. **Birds** sit all  
over the branches. '**Who**  
**is the chirper?**' Pup  
asks. The **birds** look at  
Pup. Not one **bird**  
**chirps**. Not one.





Then Pup spots the **chirpers**. Four little crickets sit on a plant, **chirping** and **chirping**. 'So the crickets **chirp!**' Pup whispers. The crickets go still. Not a **chirp**. Pup **curls** up in the soft grass. He can nap at last. Rest, Pup, rest.



## Who Made That Chirp?

Pup just wants one quiet nap by his favorite bush, but that pesky chirping won't stop! He sniffs and searches everywhere, sure he can track down the noisy chirper and politely ask it to stop. Will Pup ever find out who's really making all that racket? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 81: ir, ur /er/), this book practices words like 'chirp', 'bursts', 'dirt', 'stirs', 'turns'.

**Phonics Focus:** ir, ur /er/

bird, birds, bursts, chirp, chirper, chirpers, chirping, chirps, curls, dirt, stirs, turns

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