"This story focuses on the 'ur' pattern, like in 'Burt,' 'surf,' and 'turn.' Let's see how one turtle proves it's his turn to shine!"



Burt the Turtle's Turn

Burt was a small turtle who liked to surf.

But the other turtles said, "Turtles don't surf!"

Still, Burt was firm. "I'll learn," he said.

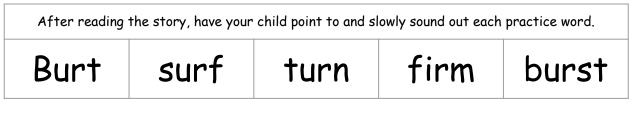
Each day, he went to the shore with a bright board.

He stood, slipped, and spun in the surf.

One day, he stayed up the whole time.

A big cheer burst from the beach.

"It's your turn to teach us, Burt!" the turtles said.





## Name:

# Burt the Turtle's Turn

2. How did the other turtles feel at the end?
A. Upset
B. Proud and ready to learn
C. Sleepy
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### 3. Fill in the blank:

"It's your turn to teach us, \_\_\_\_\_!" the turtles said.

# 4. What does this story show about practice and believing in yourself?

5. How did Burt's actions change the minds of the other turtles?



## **Coaching Guide**

Target Skill: ur R-Controlled Vowel Genre: Fiction – Animal Fantasy High-Frequency Words: each, was, said, the, to

#### **Before Reading**

- 1. This story includes "ur" words like *Burt*, *surf*, and *turn*.
- 2. Have you ever wanted to try something others thought was too hard?
- 3. What helps you stick with something when it gets tricky?

#### During Reading

- 1. **Sounding Out Support:** Focus on the /ur/ sound in "Burt," "surf," and "burst." It often appears in the middle of words.
- 2. Watch for ur words that show Burt's actions and success
- 3. What did Burt do that surprised everyone?
- 4. Read the cheer at the end with loud, happy energy!

#### After Reading

- 1. Retell how Burt went from learning to leading
- 2. Why did the turtles change their minds about surfing?
- 3. What's something you'd love to try even if it's hard?
- 4. Skill Check: Highlight six "ur" words in the story
- 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again with a brave and proud tone—just like Burt on his board!

#### Activity Idea

Draw Burt surfing a big wave with turtles cheering from the beach. Label parts using "ur" words like *surf*, *turn*, *burst*, or *Burt*. Write one sentence about why it was his turn to shine.

#### **Coaching Tip**

Encouraging stories help children connect confidence with decoding—let their reading journey reflect Burt's bravery.



