Ferr and fer spellings

If the fer sounds like fer, then it is stressed and you must write ferr (double r)

If the fer sounds like fr, when you say the word quickly, then it is unstressed and it is spelt with one r (fer)

Say the words quickly and you will hear if the fer is stressed or not.

preferring

reference

transferring

buffering

suffering

transference

conference

referee

referring

preference