

R-Controlled Vowels

A companion to Book 5: Making Sense of Tricky Words

Read words. Build sentences. Understand stories.

How to use this pack

1. Notice the vowel and r.

When r follows a vowel, it can change the vowel sound. Read ar in farm and or in corn.

2. Compare er, ir, and ur.

In fern, bird, and turn, er, ir, and ur spell the same sound. Read the whole word.

3. Read, reread, and think.

Read the sentences and story. Talk about the meaning, then complete each activity.

Adult support

Teach each pattern before independent practice. Preview: a, the, he, it, is, his, for, look, puts. Introduce Mark and Fern as names. Explain that falls, lands, hops, spots, puts, and grins have an added s. Read directions and questions aloud as needed.

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Which Word Does Not Fit?

Read each row. Circle the word that does not have the same vowel sound as the other two.

1. car star cat

2. fork farm corn

3. park dark dog

4. storm stop short

5. ship shark sharp

6. sport spin sort

Reread each row. Listen for ar or or in the two words that belong together.

Find er, ir & ur

Read each word. Circle er, ir, or ur. Write each word in the matching column.

fern

bird

turn

curl

herd

shirt

dirt

hurt

term

er

ir

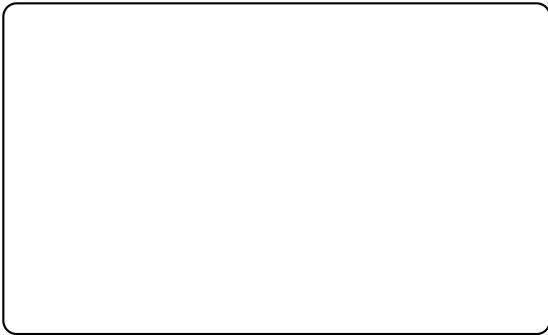
ur

Different spellings can represent the same sound. Read your columns aloud.

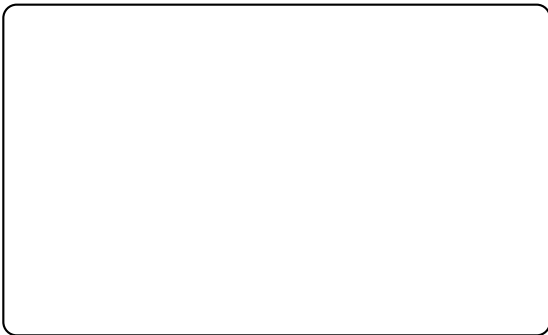
Read, Draw & Write

Read each sentence. Draw what it says. Then copy the sentence on the two lines.

The cart is in the barn.



The bird is on the fork.



The girl has a red skirt.



The Red Scarf

Read the story three times. Color a circle after each reading.

Mark has a red scarf. The scarf falls off the cart. It lands in the corn. Mark and Fern look for it. A bird hops near the scarf. Fern spots it. Mark puts the scarf on. Mark grins at Fern.

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Read 1

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Read 2

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Read 3

Circle the best answer.

1. Where does the scarf land?

in the barn

in the corn

on a fork

2. Who spots the scarf?

Fern

Mark

a girl

3. Why does Mark grin at Fern?

He lost his cart.

The bird is red.

She found his scarf.

Adult note: Read questions and answer choices aloud if needed.

Answer Key

Support decoding first, then discuss the meaning.

Which Word Does Not Fit?

1. cat 2. farm 3. dog
4. stop 5. ship 6. spin

Find er, ir & ur

er: fern, herd, term.

ir: bird, shirt, dirt.

ur: turn, curl, hurt.

Read, Draw & Write

Pictures should match each sentence. Accept reasonable drawings. Check copied words, spaces, and end punctuation.

The Red Scarf

1. in the corn
2. Fern
3. She found his scarf.

Thank You!

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Continue with ar, or, er, ir, and ur through word reading, sentence practice, short stories, and comprehension activities.

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