

All R-Controlled Vowels — Write & Read + Sort

Every bossy-R pattern from the r-controlled-vowels guide — ar, or, er, ir, ur — plus the er/ir/ur sort activity.

Name: _____

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How to use this worksheet

- 1 Some words are split into two red chunks (like st - ar) — say each chunk out loud, then blend them together, listening for the bossy-R sound.
- 2 Notice the r-controlled spelling (ar, or, er, ir, or ur).
- 3 Write the complete blended word on the blank line.
- 4 Check your spelling against the printed word once you're done.

Example — this is what a correct answer looks like:

arm arm

Tip

er, ir, and ur all sound identical — spelling them correctly is a matter of visual memory, not sounding-out. The sort worksheet in this pack drills exactly that.



AR words

Mouth opens wide, like saying ahh, then closing with an r.

arm _____

art _____

b-ar _____

b-arn _____

c-ar _____

c-ard _____

c-art _____

ch-arm _____

d-ark _____

d-art _____

f-ar _____

f-arm _____

h-ard _____

h-arm _____

h-arp _____

j-ar _____

l-ard _____

l-arge _____

l-ark _____

m-ark _____

m-ars _____

p-ark _____

p-art _____

sc-ar _____

sh-ard _____

sh-arp _____

sp-ark _____

st-art _____

st-ar _____

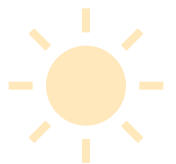
starch _____

t-art _____

t-ar _____

y-ard _____

y-arn _____



OR words

Rounded lips, a slight 'aw' quality before the r.

b-orn _____

c-ord _____

c-ork _____

c-orn _____

f-ort _____

f-ork _____

f-orm _____

h-orn _____

m-ore _____

n-or _____

n-orth _____

or _____

p-orch _____

p-ort _____

sh-ort _____

sn-ort _____

s-ort _____

sp-ort _____

st-ore _____

st-ork _____

st-orm _____

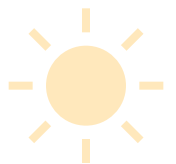
sw-orn _____

th-orn _____

t-orch _____

t-orn _____

w-orn _____



ER words

er, ir, and ur all say the exact same sound.

f-ern _____

g-erm _____

h-er _____

h-erd _____

h-erb _____

kernel _____

m-ercy _____

n-erve _____

p-erm _____

p-erch _____

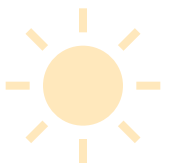
person _____

s-erve _____

st-ern _____

t-erm _____

v-erb _____



IR words

Identical sound to er and ur — visual memory decides the spelling.

b-ird _____

b-irth _____

ch-irp _____

d-irt _____

f-irm _____

f-irst _____

g-ird _____

g-irl _____

g-irth _____

sh-irt _____

s-ir _____

sk-irt _____

sm-irk _____

squirt _____

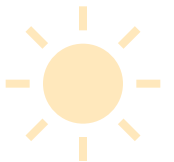
st-ir _____

th-ird _____

thirst _____

tw-irl _____

wh-irl _____



UR words

Identical sound to er and ir — visual memory decides the spelling.

bl-ur _____

b-urn _____

b-urst _____

church _____

ch-urn _____

c-urd _____

c-url _____

c-urse _____

c-urve _____

f-ur _____

further _____

h-urt _____

l-urk _____

n-urse _____

p-urse _____

purple _____

sl-ur _____

sp-ur _____

s-urf _____

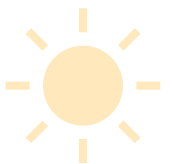
s-urge _____

turban _____

t-urn _____

turtle _____

urge _____



The Bossy-R Sort: er, ir, ur

Read each word in the word bank, then write it under the column with the same spelling.

Word bank: bird burn fern fur germ girl her nurse purse shirt
squirt stern third turn verb

er

ir

ur

Answer key (for the grown-up checking): er = her, fern, germ, stern, verb; ir = bird, shirt, girl, third, squirt; ur = fur, burn, turn, purse, nurse

