

## Chapter 15 - 'R' controlled vowels - er

This lesson begins the r-controlled vowels. The letter 'r' is very strong and usually changes the sound of the vowel ahead of it.

When we hear the /r/ sound at the end of a two or more syllable word it is usually spelled 'er'.

### Words to Blend

her per Bert herd jerk fern term perch nerve verse stern  
term tern berth berg nerd thermos

sister winter upper hamster interesting blister better rubber  
temper hammer tender permit thunder dinner supper rocker  
summer singer hermit cracker miller sifter bitter servant  
batter twister planter hunter chatter packer locker stopper  
popper dipper rapper mixer kicker jumper helper camper  
clicker flasher cracker trapper dresser robber liver speller  
Ernie biker bigger swimmer ever over after diver eager  
eater enter fever under tiger finer wiser maker river

*(There are hundreds more.....!)*

mother father brother



## R-controls - 'er'

|         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|
| sister  | hammer  | term    |
| dinner  | rocker  | thunder |
| herd    | permit  | winter  |
| hamster | singer  | cracker |
| bitter  | her     | blister |
| hunter  | temper  | planter |
| summer  | supper  | Ernie   |
| Bert    | chatter | popper  |
| dipper  | verse   | mixer   |
| rubber  | servant | tender  |
| kicker  | jumper  | speller |
| fern    | better  | jerk    |
| twister | helper  | father  |
| camper  | batter  | locker  |
| nerve   | clicker | perch   |

## Reading

Which season do you like best?  
I like summer better than winter.  
It is colder in winter and hotter in summer.  
In winter the wind can be bitterly cold.  
Summer is a holiday!  
Summer is much better than winter.



Fern went to Bert's home for dinner.  
Bert's mother chatters to Fern.  
Bert's sister is kind to Fern.  
Bert had a pet hamster.  
Fern holds the hamster tenderly.  
She gives the hamster a cracker.



If you sing, you are a singer.  
If you swim, you are a swimmer.  
If you read, you are a reader.  
If you do math, what are you?



Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in a tub,  
And who do you think they be?  
The butcher, the baker,  
    the candlestick maker,  
Silly men, one, two, three.



## Chapter 16 - 'R' controlled vowels - ir and ur

This lesson continues the r-controlled vowels. The letter 'r' is very strong and usually changes the sound of the vowel ahead of it.

'er', 'ir' and 'ur' all make the /r/ sound.

### Words to Blend

#### ir

fir firm first irk sir bird third dirt girl shirt third chirp  
whirl stir flirt skirt first birth twirl squirm squirt shirk  
mirth firm smirk birch swirl

thirty thirsty dirty birthday skirmish squirrel confirm ladybird  
Shirley Irwin Irma

#### ur

fur spur blur slur burn burp turn spurn burr purr hurt  
curt spurt lurk nurse purse surf spurn church lurch burst  
curl curve turtle turf surf

purple blur spur slur curd furl hurl lure pure sure blurt  
churn slurp

jury murky sturdy murder suburb surpass  
surplus disturb disburse concur perturb  
further Thursday Saturday occur sulfur  
blurry flurry plural absurd burden burglar  
burglary figure Ursula Burke Burgess

adventure creature (*The 'ture' ending  
/chur/ is covered later, but the children should  
be able to blend these words.*)



## R-controlled vowels - 'ir' and 'ur'

|          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|
| hurt     | shirt    | turn     |
| sir      | burp     | dirt     |
| surf     | third    | turtle   |
| girl     | churn    | stir     |
| chirp    | fir      | nurse    |
| burst    | first    | skirt    |
| whirl    | disturb  | burn     |
| squirrel | purple   | first    |
| purr     | birth    | lurch    |
| swirl    | Thursday | birthday |
| fur      | twirl    | burden   |
| firm     | suburb   | squirm   |
| church   | birch    | bird     |
| plural   | thirsty  | purse    |
| third    | curl     | firm     |

## Reading

The bird sat on a branch of an birch tree.  
He burst into song with a chirp, chirp, chirp.  
He disturbed a squirrel perched nearby.  
The squirrel was in a fir tree.



Shirley is a little girl.  
Shirley has a purple skirt and a purple shirt.  
She likes to twirl and whirl.  
Her skirt is a blur!



The bird looked for bugs in the dirt.  
He got dusty and dirty.  
He ate thirty bugs!  
Did he eat a ladybird?  
It made the bird thirsty.



Irma was having a birthday last Saturday!  
Children were invited.  
Shirley came first and gave Irma a purse.  
Burgess came second and gave her a hamster.  
Ursula came third and gave Irma a shirt.  
Irma burst a balloon. That was absurd!  
The children ate cake. They were thirsty.  
Shirley got her purple skirt dirty.  
Thanks for the birthday, Irma!



## Chapter 17 - 'R' controlled vowels - ar

This lesson continues the r-controlled vowels. The letter 'r' is very strong and usually changes the sound of the vowel that comes before it.

'er', 'ir' and 'ur' all make the /r/ sound. 'ar' makes the sound of the letter 'R'.

### Words to Blend

#### ar

bar car far jar par tar arm farm harm charm star arch  
parch starch art part Bart cart dart mart tart chart  
start smart hard bard card lard yard barn darn yarn harp  
tarp sharp ark bark dark hark lark mark park shark stark  
spark Clark snarl

pardon artist garden market marlin jargon garlic tarnish  
harvest bombard harness Martin Carter arson farmer marvel  
carpet carpenter carbon darken discard varnish farthest bar-  
ber garter barter charter harmonica cartridge harmless  
charming artistic embark rampart arctic Arthur burglar bur-  
glary scarlet startled hardly



## R-controlled vowels - 'ar'

|           |          |        |
|-----------|----------|--------|
| arch      | start    | dart   |
| hard      | car      | star   |
| harp      | mart     | barn   |
| far       | yard     | art    |
| sharp     | garden   | jar    |
| cart      | yarn     | Arctic |
| farmer    | tar      | chart  |
| starch    | carpet   | shark  |
| pardon    | arm      | bark   |
| smart     | charming | harm   |
| carpenter | part     | lard   |
| mark      | garlic   | artist |
| farm      | card     | market |
| marvel    | park     | dark   |
| Bart      | tarp     | charm  |

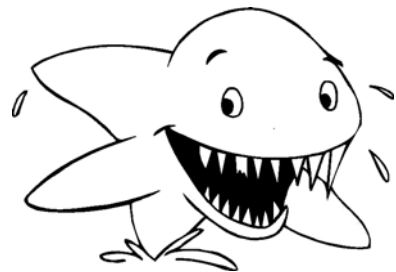


## Reading

Let's visit the farm!  
The farmer has an interesting barn.  
A cart is in the yard.  
The farmer has a big garden.  
He takes beans, scarlet tomatoes and peas to market.  
When he picks things, he is harvesting.



Carter met a shark.  
The shark was charming but he was not harmless.  
Carter was smart.  
He had a sharp dart.  
The shark swam far away.



Arthur went to the Arctic.  
He chartered a ship and embarked.  
He had a chart so he did not get lost.  
The Arctic was cold and white.  
There were no cars on roads.

It was late. The sky was dark.  
Stars were shining in the dark sky.  
An arch of stars was overhead.  
We sat in the yard and admired the stars.  
The stars are far away.



## Chapter 18 - 'R' controlled vowels - or

This lesson continues the r-controlled vowels. The letter 'r' is very strong and usually changes the sound of the vowel ahead of it.

'or' makes the sound of the word 'or'.

### Words to Blend

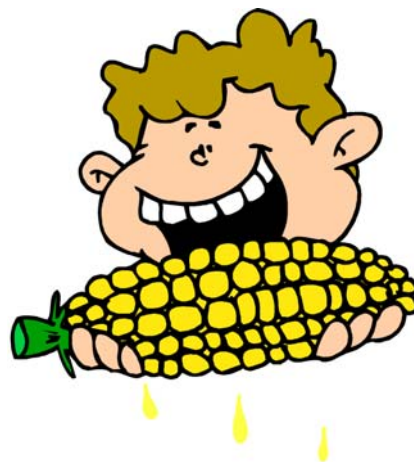
#### or

for nor orb born corn horn morn torn worn shorn thorn  
scorn fort sort port short snort sport storm north porch  
torch cord lord fork cork pork stork gorse Norm bored  
form

border organ doctor morning accord corner order Norman  
coral corny forty sorry story acorn popcorn motor calorie  
normal actor ornate support hornet afford

horse store bore tore lore more sore wore yore shore  
pore chore snore spore swore score galore ivory

elevator evaporate

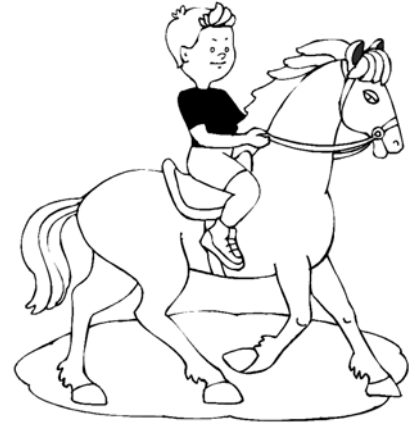


## R-controlled vowel - 'or'

|        |         |        |
|--------|---------|--------|
| fort   | torch   | sport  |
| stork  | border  | thorn  |
| fork   | port    | organ  |
| wore   | sore    | corn   |
| doctor | storm   | corner |
| worn   | morning | north  |
| order  | cord    | forty  |
| scorn  | coral   | sort   |
| porch  | shore   | story  |
| Norman | sorry   | cork   |
| acorn  | chore   | story  |
| born   | snort   | horn   |
| corny  | popcorn | motor  |
| horse  | torn    | store  |
| short  | more    | pork   |

## Reading

Norman went to the barn.  
He put the saddle on his horse.  
Off he rode to the corner store.  
He went north past the gate.  
What will he get this morning?  
He is going to the store to get popcorn.  
In the evening Mom will read a story.  
Norman and Mom will nibble popcorn.  
He hopes it will not be a short story!



Flora was at the seashore.  
She tripped on some stones.  
Her pants were torn and her ankle  
was sore.  
Her grandma drove her to the doctor.  
Her ankle was sprained.  
The doctor ordered her to stay in bed.  
Grandma said, "I am sorry for you!"



What a bad storm!  
The wind came from the north.  
Waves rolled up on the shore.  
The foghorn made a big racket.

