



R-Controlled Vowels



Meet the **bossy r**. When the letter **r** follows a **vowel**, the vowel is usually forced to change its sound. Check it out.

+ Add an **r** to complete each of the following words. Read the words aloud and compare the vowel sound in each pair.

cat ca r

fan fa r

sit si r

fox fo r

hen he r

jet ge r m

fin fi r

fun fu r

+ Note the sound while reading the words. Add 3 more words with similar sounds.



ar sound
art
carp
heart
star
dark
part

er sound
fern
nerve
curve
team
severe
herb

er sound
bird
shirt
third
skirt
dirty
twirl



or sound
torch
cork
board

er sound
burn
furl
curb



+ Read, clap, count, and write the number of syllables in each word.

blur 1 bur.ner 2 curb 1 sub.urb 2 hard 1 har.der 2

cor.ner 2 shar.per 2 squirt 1 part.ner 2 charge 1

Say it aloud

When the letter **r** follows a **vowel**, it usually changes the vowel sound. The **vowel + r** stay in the same syllable and the **r** is softly pronounced.