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R-Controlled Vowels

Vowel + r makes a new sound: *ar* (car), *or* (fork), *er / ir / ur* (her, bird, fur).

A. Write *ar* or *or*.

1. c_____ (you drive it)
2. f_____k (you eat with it)
3. st_____ (in the sky)
4. h_____se (you ride it)
5. p_____k (play here)
6. c_____n (yellow food)
7. sh_____k (big fish)
8. st_____m (rain and wind)

B. Sort by spelling.

her bird fur fern girl turn herd shirt nurse

er	ir	ur

C. Circle the right spelling.

1. The (gurl / girl) can run fast.
2. I am (first / furst) in line.
3. The (nirse / nurse) helps me.
4. My (sistur / sister) is nine.

D. Write *a* sentence. Use two bossy r words.

Answer Key

A. Write *ar* or *or*.

1. c**ar**
2. f**or**k
3. st**ar**
4. h**or**se
5. p**ar**k
6. c**or**n
7. sh**ar**k
8. st**or**m

B. Sort by spelling.

er: her, fern, herd
ir: bird, girl, shirt
ur: fur, turn, nurse

C. Circle the right spelling.

1. **girl**
2. **first**
3. **nurse**
4. **sister**

D. Write *a* sentence.

Answers will vary, such as "The bird is in the park."