

2ND GRADE • PHONICS

Vowels with an r: ar, or, er, ir, ur

FOR YOU How to use this in 5 minutes

1 Hear the change. **SAY:** "With an r after it, a says /ar/, like star, and o says /or/, like fork."

2 Three spellings, one sound. **SAY:** "The spellings er, ir and ur all say /er/, as in her, bird and turtle. We learn which one each word uses."

3 Fill and sort. **SAY:** "Name each picture and write the missing letters. Then read and sort the words."

Tip. No rule says when to use er, ir or ur, so skip the drill. Keep a fridge list of the words your child meets, sorted by spelling.

1 Write ar, or, er, ir or ur

WORD BANK

ar or er ir ur



st ____



f ____ k



b ____ d



t ____ tle



sh ____ t



c ____ n

2 Read each word. Write it under its sound.

WORD BANK

park

storm

horn

fern

girl

sharp

farm

porch

burn

ar as in star

or as in fork

er, ir, ur as in bird

3 Circle the word that fits

A bird barn sang on the fence.

We ate cord corn on the cob.

The dog let out a loud bark burn.

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Answer key

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1 Write ar, or, er, ir or ur

star (ar)
fork (or)
bird (ir)
turtle (ur)
shirt (ir)
corn (or)

2 Read each word. Write it under its sound.

ar: park, farm, sharp
or: horn, storm, porch
er, ir, ur: girl, burn, fern

3 Circle the word that fits

A bird sang on the fence.
We ate corn on the cob.
The dog let out a loud bark.

If it's hard

- Mixing up er, ir and ur in spelling is normal for years. Praise the right sound, then show the right spelling.
- Say each sort word aloud together. The sound is easier to hear than to see.



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