

SYLLABLE TYPES

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

When r follows a vowel, it changes the vowel sound.

The vowel in an r-controlled syllable is not short and not long. The r bosses the vowel.

When I can find the vowel and the r, I know the sound and can read the word.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

R-Controlled Syllables

from “Laura Ingalls Wilder”

An r-controlled syllable has a vowel followed by r, so the r changes the vowel sound, as in farm, girl, and born. This week we study r-controlled syllables from the Laura Ingalls Wilder reading.

This deck teaches **syllable types** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice an r-controlled syllable."

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Notice the r-controlled syllable.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the bold word and the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

"Laura grew up on a **farm** in the middle of the country."

I CAN

I can notice an r-controlled syllable and name the vowel and the r that changes its sound.



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CHOOSE

“I can choose an r-controlled syllable.”

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Choose the r-controlled syllable.

Read the sentence. Which word is an r-controlled syllable? Use the rule.

“Every **girl** had a job, and **part** of her work was feeding the animals.”

A girl • **B** job • **C** had

I CAN | I can choose the r-controlled syllable and explain how I know.



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SHOW

“I can show how an r-controlled syllable works.”

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Show the r-controlled syllable.

Read the sentence. In the bold word, name the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

“Laura was **born** in a log cabin in Wisconsin.”

I CAN | I can show the vowel and the r that changes its sound.



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OWN

“I can use the r-controlled rule to read a longer word.”

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Own it. Read the longer word.

Split the word into its parts. Name the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

garden
gar / den

I CAN | I can use the r-controlled rule to read a longer word.



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DEFEND

"I can prove that a word has an r-controlled syllable."

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Defend the rule.

Prove the bold word follows the rule. Name the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

"Life on the prairie was **hard**, but the family worked together."

I CAN

I can prove that a word has an r-controlled syllable.



Find an r-controlled syllable on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one r-controlled syllable. Copy the sentence and name the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

Go back to the reading.

Find one r-controlled syllable.

Copy the exact sentence. Then name the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

I CAN | I can find an r-controlled syllable and prove it.



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Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE farm. Farm has the vowel a followed by r. The r changes the a sound. The vowel is neither short nor long.

CHOOSE A. girl. Girl has the vowel i followed by r. The r changes the i sound. Job is a closed syllable with the short o, and had is a closed syllable with the short a.

SHOW born. Born has the vowel o followed by r. The r changes the o sound. The vowel is neither short nor long because the r controls it.

OWN gar / den. Gar has the vowel a followed by r, an r-controlled syllable. Den is a closed syllable with the short e.

DEFEND hard. Hard has the vowel a followed by r. The r changes the a sound. This is an r-controlled syllable because the r bosses the vowel.

YOUR TURN turn. Turn has the vowel u followed by r. The r changes the u sound.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Laura grew up on a farm. ... Every girl had a job. ... Laura was born in a log cabin. ... Life was hard.”

Which word from the reading has an r-controlled syllable?

A farm

B cabin

C job

D had



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The answer is A.

A **farm** **Correct.**

Farm has the vowel a followed by r. The r changes the a sound.

B **cabin**

Cabin has two closed syllables. The vowels say their short sounds.

C **job**

Job is a closed syllable. The o says its short sound because b closes it in.

D **had**

Had is a closed syllable. The a says its short sound because d closes it in.

