

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 is not short and not long. The r bosses the vowel.

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

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

R-Controlled Syllables

from “Benjamin Franklin and Electricity”

An r-controlled syllable has a vowel followed by r, so the r changes the vowel sound, as in born, wire, and barns. This week we review r-controlled syllables from Benjamin Franklin.

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.

"He was **born** in 1706 in Boston and grew up curious about how things worked."

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.

"He invented the lightning rod, a metal rod placed on top of a building that connects to a **wire running into the ground."**

A metal • **B** wire • **C** top

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.

“This invention helped protect homes, **barns, and churches from fires caused by lightning.”**

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.

worker
work / er

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.

"It could start **fires** that destroyed entire buildings."

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

CHOOSE B. wire. Wire has the vowel i followed by r (with a silent e). The r changes the i sound. Metal has a closed first syllable, and top is a closed syllable.

SHOW barns. Barns has the vowel a followed by r. The r changes the a sound to the ar sound. The vowel is neither short nor long.

OWN work / er. Work has the vowel o followed by r, an r-controlled syllable. Er is also r-controlled. Both syllables have r after the vowel.

DEFEND fires. Fires has the vowel i followed by r. The r changes the i sound. This is an r-controlled syllable because the r bosses the vowel.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: safer. Saf-er. The er in the second syllable is r-controlled.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“He was born in 1706 in Boston. ... He invented the lightning rod, a metal rod placed on top of a building that connects to a wire. ... This invention helped protect homes, barns, and churches from fires.”

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

A metal

B born

C top

D helped



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The answer is B.

A metal
Metal has two closed syllables. The vowels say their short sounds.

B born Correct.
Born has the vowel o followed by r. The r changes the vowel sound.

C top
Top is a closed syllable. The o says its short sound because p closes it in.

D helped
Helped is a closed syllable with -ed. The e says its short sound.

