

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 sound.

There are five r-controlled vowels: ar, er, ir, or, ur.

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

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

R-Controlled Syllables

from “People Make the Difference”

This week reviews all five r-controlled vowels: ar, er, ir, or, and ur. The r changes the vowel sound in words like water, forest, and farming.

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

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.

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Introduce the Week

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“ ” = say word-for-word • ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

“This week we are studying syllable types. Our focus is r-controlled syllables. An r-controlled syllable has a vowel followed by r. The r changes the vowel sound. This week reviews all five r-controlled vowels.”

▶ Show the cover. Read the exact TEKS wording aloud, then read the What does this mean to me box in your own warm voice.

“This week reviews all five r-controlled vowels: ar, er, ir, or, and ur. The r changes the vowel sound in words like water, forest, and farming.”

▶ Point to the five thinking levels. Preview the week: we NOTICE, CHOOSE, SHOW, OWN, and DEFEND the pattern.

PREP & MATERIALS: the R-Controlled Syllables slide deck for Cluster 8 Module 2 . a class or student copy of "People Make the Difference" . the student tracking sheet . pencils

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name one r-controlled syllable from the reading and tell how they know.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student how reading the word would change if the r-controlled syllable pattern were different.

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.

"Water is important, but communities need other resources too."

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

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Monday · NOTICE · Foundational

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is NOTICE. I can notice an r-controlled syllable."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Listen as I read the sentence. I am looking for the r-controlled syllable in water."

▶ Read the sentence aloud twice. Give think time, then have students copy the word on the NOTICE row of the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: water. Water has the vowel a followed by the consonant t, then er. The er in the second syllable is r-controlled.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain the r-controlled syllable in their own words.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may not identify the vowel and the r that changes its sound. Guide them to the pattern.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know it is an r-controlled syllable? Look for the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

NOTICE at Foundational is about finding the r-controlled syllable. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what the word would sound like without the r-controlled syllable pattern.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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.

"Forests can provide wood."

A wood • **B** forests • **C** provide

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

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Tuesday • CHOOSE • Developing

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" " = say word-for-word • ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is CHOOSE. I can choose a word with an r-controlled syllable."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Read the sentence and all three choices. Only one word has the r-controlled syllable pattern."

▶ Have students choose privately, then share with a partner before you reveal the answer on slide 8.

ANSWER KEY: B. forests. Forests has the r-controlled vowel or in the first syllable (for-). Wood is a vowel team syllable, and provide is VCe.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name the vowel and the r that changes its sound in the answer.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may choose by ear. Use the rule to check the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two words seem close. How do I pick? Check for the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

CHOOSE at Developing is about selecting the word the rule fits. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to find another r-controlled syllable in the sentence.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

SHOW

"I can show how an r-controlled syllable works."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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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.

"Good soil can support **farming**."

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

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Wednesday · SHOW · Independent

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is **SHOW**. I can show how an r-controlled syllable works."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"The bold word is **farming**. Name the vowel and the r that changes its sound."

▶ Take two or three answers. Push students to name all the parts.

ANSWER KEY: farming. Farm has the vowel a followed by r. The ar is r-controlled. Adding -ing keeps the r-controlled syllable.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to point to the vowel and the r that changes its sound in the word.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name only part of the pattern. Require all parts.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Can a word have more than one r-controlled syllable? Yes, a longer word can.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

SHOW at Independent is about explaining how the rule works. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what would change if the pattern were different.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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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Thursday · OWN · Advanced

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is OWN. I can use the r-controlled rule to read a longer word."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Garden is a longer word. Split it and read each syllable."

▶ Model the cover-and-read once, then have students split the word on the OWN row of the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: gar / den. Gar has the vowel a followed by r, an r-controlled syllable. Den is a closed syllable.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name each syllable in garden and its type.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may read the first syllable with the wrong vowel sound. Guide them to the pattern.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know where to split the word? Look for the syllable boundary.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

OWN at Advanced is about using the rule inside a longer word. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to apply the rule to another longer word.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

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

EXACT TEKS WORDING

"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"

Defend the rule.

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

"Many **workers** helped build the community."

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

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Friday · DEFEND · Reflective

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is **DEFEND**. I can prove that a word has an r-controlled syllable."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"For workers, name the vowel and the r that changes its sound and prove it."

▶ Have students write a because statement on the DEFEND row, then share two strong answers.

ANSWER KEY: workers. Work has the vowel o followed by r. The or is r-controlled. Adding -ers keeps the pattern.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain how they proved workers follows the rule.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name the whole word instead of the vowel and the r that changes its sound. Require all parts.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Is every word with this pattern r-controlled syllable? Yes, if it has the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

DEFEND at Reflective is about proving the rule. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to defend why another word in the sentence is NOT 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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Independent Practice · YOUR TURN

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“Now it is your turn to find an r-controlled syllable on your own.”

▶ Read the Your Turn task. Students work independently on the tracking sheet.

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

▶ Circulate and note who can name all the parts without help.

ANSWER KEY: Answers vary. One example: rivers. Riv-ers. The er in the second syllable is r-controlled.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Scan for students who name the vowel and the r that changes its sound together.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may write a word without naming all the parts. Require the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

What if my word has more than one syllable? Pick the syllable that is r-controlled syllable and prove it.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Independent practice shows who owns the rule. Look for the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask an early finisher to check their word by reading it aloud.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE water. Water has the vowel a followed by the consonant t, then er. The er in the second syllable is r-controlled.

CHOOSE B. forests. Forests has the r-controlled vowel or in the first syllable (for-). Wood is a vowel team syllable, and provide is VCe.

SHOW farming. Farm has the vowel a followed by r. The ar is r-controlled. Adding -ing keeps the r-controlled syllable.

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

DEFEND workers. Work has the vowel o followed by r. The or is r-controlled. Adding -ers keeps the pattern.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: rivers. Riv-ers. The er in the second syllable is r-controlled.

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Review the Answers

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"Let's check our work across the five thinking levels."

▶ Reveal the answer slide one row at a time. Have students check their own tracking sheets.

"If you missed one, that is where your learning is. Go back to the word and find the pattern."

▶ Celebrate students who explained the rule, not only students who named the word.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain the rule, not just name the word.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Naming the word without the vowel and the r that changes its sound. Ask how and why for at least two answers.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why not just memorize the list? Because readers meet new words in books and tests, and the rule reads them.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Reviewing is where OWN turns into DEFEND. Push for the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to explain what would change if the syllable type were different.

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Water is important. ... Forests can provide wood. ... Good soil can support farming.”

Which word has an r-controlled vowel?

A wood

B soil

C good

D forests

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Show What You Know

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“ ” = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

“Here is a test-style question, the kind you see on the state assessment.”

▶ Read the excerpt and the question aloud.

“Read all four choices before you decide. The best answer is the one the rule fits.”

▶ Give think time. Students choose privately and bubble their letter on the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: The answer is D.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students choose by the rule, not by which word looks familiar.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Choosing by guess or by a word they like. Check the pattern in each choice.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two answers seem close. How do I pick? Check for the vowel and the r that changes its sound.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

A clean test item is DEFEND in action under assessment conditions.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask why each wrong choice is wrong, which leads into the next slide.

The answer is D.

A wood
Wood has the vowel team oo, not an r-controlled vowel.

B soil
Soil has the vowel team oi, not an r-controlled vowel.

C good
Good has the vowel team oo, not an r-controlled vowel.

D forests **Correct.**
Forests has the r-controlled vowel or in the first syllable.

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The Answer, and Why

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"The correct answer is D. The most important part is understanding why."

▶ Reveal each choice's reason. Spend the most time on the wrong answers.

"Each wrong choice is a real word from the reading, but it does not fit the pattern."

▶ Have students write one sentence on the tracking sheet explaining why the correct answer is right.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain why the correct word fits the rule.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Knowing the answer but not why. Insist on the reason.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why is the second choice wrong? Because it has a different syllable type.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Explaining the distractors is the highest DEFEND move of the week.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to write a new sentence using an r-controlled syllable word and prove the rule.