

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

"demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words with common orthographic patterns and rules, including spelling words with r-controlled vowels such as ar, er, ir, or, and ur"

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

When r follows a vowel, it changes the sound the vowel makes. The vowel and the r work together as one team, like ar, or, and ir. farm has ar, and born has or.

THE SPELLING RULE**R-Controlled Vowels (ar, er, ir, or, ur)**

born farm girl hard part

WHERE THEY APPEAR: "When Laura was a little girl, her family moved many times as they looked for places to live and farm."

This deck teaches **R-Controlled Vowels (ar, er, ir, or, ur)** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.**

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the r-controlled vowel."

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Notice the vowel and r.

Find the vowel that works together with r.

farm = f + ar + m

I CAN I can notice a vowel teaming with r.



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CHOOSE

"I can choose the correct r-controlled spelling."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling shows the vowel and r team in girl?

girl • gerl • gurl

I CAN I can choose the right vowel and r team.



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SHOW

"I can show the rule with a passage word."

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Show the rule.

Fill in the vowel and r team for this word from the reading.

b _ _ _ n = _ _ _ _ _ (use or)

I CAN I can spell a passage word with a vowel and r.



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Fill in the vowel and r team for this new word on your own.

c _ _ _ n = _ _ _ _ _ (use or)

I CAN I can spell a new r-controlled word on my own.



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DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain why farm uses ar, then spell one r-controlled word of your own.

"She also wrote about the challenges families faced, such as cold winters, long journeys, and hard work."

I CAN I can explain the r-controlled rule and use it in my own writing.



Your turn to spell.

On your tracking sheet, fill in the vowel and r team for each word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

t _ _ _ n → _ _ _ _ _ b _ _ _ d → _ _ _ _ _ c _ _ _ n → _ _ _ _ _ g _ _ _ m → _ _ _ _ _ d
_ _ _ k → _ _ _ _ _

I CAN I can spell r-controlled words on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

farm = f + ar + m. The a and r work together.

CHOOSE

girl is correct. The i and r team spell the sound in girl.

SHOW

b + or + n = born.

OWN

c + or + n = corn.

DEFEND

farm uses ar because the a teams with r; a correct student word might be turn, bird, or dark.

YOUR TURN

turn, bird, corn, germ, dark

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW • Test-Style Question

TEKS (3.2)(B) • R-CONTROLLED VOWELS

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READ THIS SENTENCE.

When Laura was a little _____, her family moved often.

Which word correctly completes the sentence?

A girl

B gurl

C gerl

D gril

The answer is **A**.

A **girl** · Correct. The team ir spells the sound in girl.

B **gurl** · Uses the ur team, but this word is spelled with ir.

C **gerl** · Uses the er team, but this word is spelled with ir.

D **gril** · Puts the r before the i, but the vowel comes first in girl.