

Bossy R (ar, er, ir, or, ur)

The Bossy R likes to take control of the vowels it is next to in words. It makes the vowel change its sound so it no longer sounds like a short vowel.

Three r-controlled vowels sound the same: **er**, **ir** and **ur** all say "errrrrrr" as in **her**, **bird** and **burn**.

The sound of **ar** sounds like a pirate and says "arrrrrrrr" as in **car**.

The sound of **or** says "orrrrrrr" as in **horn**.

1) Watch the video: "Look Out for Bossy R" at <https://youtu.be/bp8arskkcXg>

2) Read the words below out loud and then check your reading by hovering over the sound icon.

ar	er	ir	or	ur
barn	germ	girl	thorn	nurse
shark	nerve	first	horse	purple
market	were	circus	forget	burger
scarf	super	confirm	report	purse
larva	perfect	thirsty	more	survive

2) Read each word and choose which word has the Bossy R:

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| a) Plain, tape, remark _____ | f) baking, paid, carbon _____ |
| b) Video, flower, scene _____ | g) mermaid, complete, these _____ |
| c) Third, Assign, sight _____ | h) supplies, swirl, define _____ |
| d) Quote, those, chorus _____ | i) whole, chorus, route _____ |
| e) Found, surprise, program _____ | j) attitude, universe, turtle _____ |