

R-Controlled Vowels — Bossy R

The r changes the vowel sound right before it.

ar

ar (as in car)

Examples: car, farm, star, park

or

or (as in for)

Examples: corn, fork, storm, short

er

er/ir/ur (as in her)

Examples: fern, her, herd, term

ir

er/ir/ur (as in her)

Examples: bird, girl, shirt, first

ur

er/ir/ur (as in her)

Examples: burn, church, nurse, turn