



Unit 6: R-Controlled Vowels

Weeks 21-24 | Flexible 90-minute lessons

This ready-to-teach deck matches the Word curriculum and printable pack. Use it as a teaching guide, pacing tool, or visual warm-up during homeschool lessons.



Unit Snapshot

Focus skills

Main weekly themes:

- ☐ ar and or, er ir ur
- ☐ Patterns taught: ar, or and more
- ☐ Balanced routine: phonics, reading, writing, and hands-on practice
- ☐ Built-in weekly check-ins and a unit test

Teaching notes

- ❖ Keep lessons flexible and upbeat
- ❖ Review old patterns before adding a new one
- ❖ Use printables, cards, or household objects for practice
- ❖ Add a short optional video only when it supports the target skill



Week 1: ar and or

Pattern and words

Pattern(s): ar, or

Word list: star, farm, car, corn, storm, short

Sight words: for, your, warm, more, hard

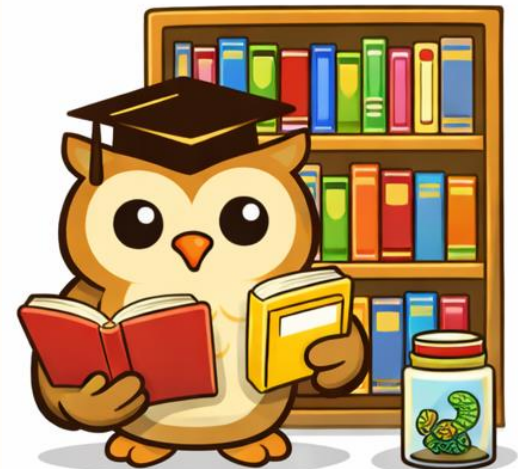
Model sentence: The star is far.

Daily lesson flow

- Day 1 - Introduce the pattern
- Day 2 - Blend and build words
- Day 3 - Read phrases and sentences
- Day 4 - Write and dictate
- Day 5 - Review, assess, and play

Fun practice ideas

- Sound hunt around the house
- Roll and read with word cards
- Sentence scramble with cut-apart cards
- Quick check-in and confidence celebration



Week 2: er ir ur

Pattern and words

Pattern(s): er, ir, ur

Word list: her, fern, bird, girl, turn, burn

Sight words: her, first, girl, turn, under

Model sentence: The girl can turn.

Daily lesson flow

- Day 1 - Introduce the pattern
- Day 2 - Blend and build words
- Day 3 - Read phrases and sentences
- Day 4 - Write and dictate
- Day 5 - Review, assess, and play

Fun practice ideas

- Sound hunt around the house
- Roll and read with word cards
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Week 3: R-Controlled Word Families

Pattern and words

Pattern(s): -ark, -orn, -irl, -urn

Word list: park, shark, corn, twirl, burn, curl

Sight words: around, because, learn, word, work

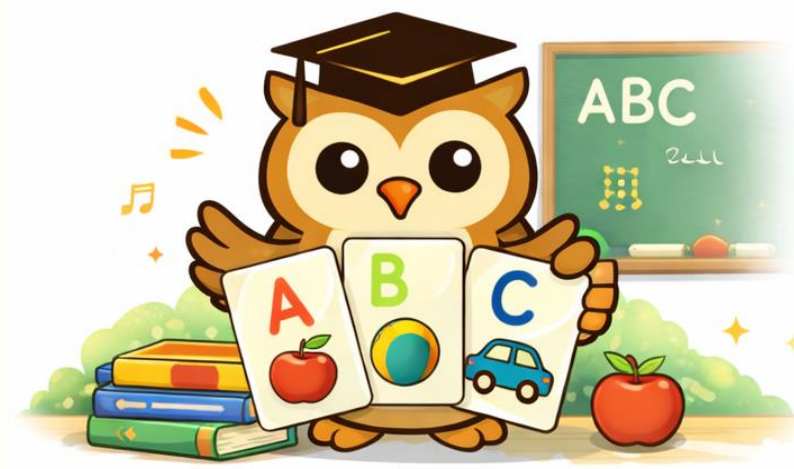
Model sentence: We can learn this word.

Daily lesson flow

- Day 1 - Introduce the pattern
- Day 2 - Blend and build words
- Day 3 - Read phrases and sentences
- Day 4 - Write and dictate
- Day 5 - Review, assess, and play

Fun practice ideas

- Sound hunt around the house
- Roll and read with word cards
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- Quick check-in and confidence celebration



Week 4: Mixed R-Controlled Stories

Pattern and words

Pattern(s): ar or er ir ur

Word list: car, fork, bird, girl, turn, star

Sight words: before, every, once, walk, talk

Model sentence: The bird sat on the car.

Daily lesson flow

- Day 1 - Introduce the pattern
- Day 2 - Blend and build words
- Day 3 - Read phrases and sentences
- Day 4 - Write and dictate
- Day 5 - Review, assess, and play

Fun practice ideas

- Sound hunt around the house
- Roll and read with word cards
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- Quick check-in and confidence celebration



Flexible 90-Minute Lesson Routine

Warm-Up

10 min

review cards, oral blending, quick sound drill

Phonics

25 min

teach the new pattern and connect sound to print

Practice

20 min

word building, worksheet, or hands-on game

Reading

20 min

read words, phrases, and a simple sentence or short text

Writing

15 min

trace, spell, and write words or a sentence

Assessment and Progress Tracking

Weekly check-in

- ☐ Can say the sounds
- ☐ Can blend the words
- ☐ Can read a sentence
- ☐ Can write a word
- ☐ Can explain what felt easy or hard

Unit test

- ❖ Read 10 unit words
- ❖ Read 5 phrases or 3 sentences
- ❖ Spell 5 words from dictation
- ❖ Write 1 sentence with a sight word



Celebrate effort, not just accuracy. Use the tracker in the printable pack to note growth across all 4 weeks.

Printable Pack Highlights

Trace and Write

pattern tracing and handwriting practice

Read and Write

word bank and sentence lines

Sentence Builder

cut-apart cards or point-and-build work

Flashcards

ready to cut and reuse

Game Board

simple board game for Friday practice

