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- If the letter "r" comes after a vowel, the sound of the **vowel** changes.
- In words like: **shark, her, girl, worm, and hurt**, each vowel is different, but they make the **same "er" sound**. Some r-controlled vowels make other sounds, like: **cord** or **bar**. These vowel sounds vary slightly from typical short vowel sounds.

Use context clues to find and insert the correct missing word in each sentence. Use only words from the list, but there's only one catch: Each missing word must include an r-controlled vowel!

**Word List**

nursing, burn, **herds, partner, bars, perching, twirlers, cartons**, worst, girlfriends, **workers**, chirpers, **first**, thirst, **fern**, turnout

1. Looking up at the noisy tree, she remarked, "There's a branch full of chirpers you don't hear everyday!"
2. When she dropped her lunch tray causing her soup to spill all over her shoes, she thought, "This is the worst day ever."
3. He hadn't ever thought that he could burn his finger from changing a lightbulb.
4. The five girlfriends figured they'd go out for coffee before dress shopping for the wedding.
5. There wasn't a big turnout at the concert, so the band canceled the show.
6. Thirst overcame them, so they purchased a few glasses of lemonade.
7. Several cartons of eggs fell over in the grocery aisle.
8. She sat on the bench nursing her sprained ankle.