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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

really, rally, fidget, figure, nest, never, trap, tarp, sever, server,
far, fresh, rust, rest, purse, press, border, bread

1. Gabby left her **purse** at the restaurant, so she didn't have her driver's license.
2. It's **never** a good idea to carry too many books in your backpack.
3. The **tarp** kept the barbecue pit dry while everything else uncovered got soaked.
4. We couldn't get our **server** to come back to our table so we didn't order dessert.
5. The hotel wasn't **far** from the hot springs, so we walked to the spa.
6. Mom had to **figure** the total by hand because her calculator was broken.
7. The fanciest birthday cakes had a lovely **border** around the top edge.
8. We had to **sever** the rope to get the tire swing down from the tree.