

# It'd Better Have an R-Controlled Vowel!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_ at the restaurant, so she didn't have her driver's license.
2. It's \_\_\_\_\_ a good idea to carry too many books in your backpack.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ kept the barbecue pit dry while everything else uncovered got soaked.
4. We couldn't get our \_\_\_\_\_ to come back to our table so we didn't order dessert.
5. The hotel wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ from the hot springs, so we walked to the spa.
6. Mom had to \_\_\_\_\_ the total by hand because her calculator was broken.
7. The fanciest birthday cakes had a lovely \_\_\_\_\_ around the top edge.
8. We had to \_\_\_\_\_ the rope to get the tire swing down from the tree.