

Learn R-Controlled Vowel Sounds

When the letter "r" comes after a **vowel**, it changes the sound of the vowel.
Read the words below out loud. How many different vowels do you count?

bird her fur earth worm

Rrrrrrr



Even though each vowel is different, they make the same "er" sound. Some r-controlled vowels make other sounds, such as "corn" or "bar". These vowel sounds are slightly different than the typical short vowel sounds.

Read each word out loud. Repeat the vowel sound.
Then, swap out the blue letter(s) for an "r", and write it on the line.
How has the vowel sound changed?

bat

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stiff

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hen

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shack

- - - - -

fit

- - - - -

cold

- - - - -

post

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gill

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fun

- - - - -

post

- - - - -

beam

- - - - -

pulse

- - - - -

folk

- - - - -

ask

- - - - -

wand

- - - - -

bask

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