Syllable type 4: r-controlled

“C” stands for “Consonant” so “C-AR-C” means words with a consonant followed by –ar- followed by another consonant.

AR

* When preceded by w, AR takes on the OR sound, such as in WAR, WARD, WARN, WARM, WART, WARP, SWARM. This is consistent with the way a sounds like o after a w in words such as WATER and WALLET.
* Some exceptional spellings include GNARL, GUARD, HEART, HEARTH.
* AR can take the sound of AR in CAR or with a long a, as in CARE and ORDINARY.

The words in this section have the AR sound of CAR; the long a pattern can be taught as a special category.

ar words

\*You may wish to omit words with more common homophones, such as HART

C-AR

bar

car

far

gar

jar

mar

par

tar

char

AR-C

arc

ark

arm

art

C-AR-C

barb

barb

bark

barn

card

carp

cart

dark

darn

dart

farm

garb

hard

hark

hart \*

harm

harp

lard

lark

mark

park

part

tart

yard

yarn

Carl

C-AR-C WITH DIGRAPHS

charm

chart

shard

shark

sharp

wharf

harsh

larch

march

marsh

parch

CC-AR

scar

spar

star

CC-AR-C

quark

scarf

scarp

smart

snarl

spark

stark

start

Clark

C-ARCC

karst

C-AR -VE -SE -GE -CE

carve

large

parse

barge

charge

Marge

farce

ar multisyllable words

With only closed, open, v-c-e and r-contolled syllables.

\*Be sure to enunciate the first C in arctic

agar

arctic\*

arbitrate

arcade

arcane

archduke

ardent

argon

argument

armful

armhole

armrest

arsenic

artist

arthropod

articulate

barbell

carbon

bombard

bulwark

carbine

cardigan

cargo

carhop

carmine

carpet

cartel

charming

compartment

debark

debar

demarcate

department

depart

disarm

disbar

discard

disregard

embargo

embark

disembark

escarpment

farmland

farthest

feldspar

garden

garlic

garland

garment

garnet

garnish

hardest

hardtop

harlequin

harmless

harmonic

harmonize

harness

harvest

impart

incarnate

isobar

landmark

larceny

lethargic

leotard

margin

market

marmoset

marvel

marlin

narcissist

narcosis

narcolepsy

parchment

parcel

parsec

parsimony

parsnip

partake

particulate

petard

pharmacy

quarantine

radar

rampart

regard

registrar

reincarnate

remark

retard

samovar

sarcastic

sardonic

scarlet

seminar

sitar

sonar

stargaze

starfish

starling

swarthy

target

tarnish

tardy

varnish

varsity

yardarm

ar with other syllable types/categores

aardvark

afar

ajar

alarm

anarchy

apart

apartment

apartheid

archaeology

arduous

argot

article

charnel

monarch

narwhal

oligarchy

particle

ptarmigan

OR words

Some of these are homophones with more common words (YORE, PORE) so you may wish to omit or postpone learning these to avoid confusion.

In multisyllable OR words, be sure to clarify that there are double letters or other places where there may be more than one way to spell sounds (X or CS). Introduce such words with “These will have double r’s,” or “This one ends in x.”

**C – or**

for

nor

**OR – C**

orb

**C-OR-C**

born

cord

cork

corn

ford

fork

form

fort

horn

lord

norm

morn

pork

port

sort

torn

tort

thorn

whorl

forth dorm

porch

torch

**CC--OR--C**

sport

scorn

short

shorn

snort

north

stork

storm

sword

sworn

scorch

C – OR – E

chore

sore

gore

ore

more

lore

pore

score

shore

snore

store

swore

tore

wore

yore

Multisyllable OR Words

corncob

forklift

cornstalk

forest

hornet

forget

forbid

forlorn

orbit

morbid

hormone

vortex

cortex

forgave

correct

corrode

corrupt

forsake

florist

thorax

borax

forum

quorum

corpus

hornpipe

torment

sordid

torpid

format

cornet

corset

orate

portent

story

glory

gory

tornado

torpedo

corpulent

formulate

organize

organism

forensic

porcupine

orthodox

orthodontist

orthopedist

coronet

cormorant

coruscate

sporadic

forbidden

carport

popcorn

platform

barnstorm

bighorn

acorn

import

torso

support

transport

transform

reform

inform

mentor

escort

windstorm

discord

report

slumlord

absorb

export

distort

cohort

condor

conform

deport

deform

contort

concord

extort

consort

vaporize

historic

history

factory

promontory

opportune

historic

important

nonconformist

panoramic

insubordinate

davenport

misinform

Multisyllable words ending in –ore

ashore

adore

commodore

deplore

explore

before

carnivore

omnivore

encore

galore

ignore

implore

restore

semaphore

sophomore

stevedore

er words again, you might postpone teaching homophones with common words such as serf, berth, tern and serge.

C-ER

her

per

ER-C

erg

C-ER-C

clerk

sperm

stern

fern

germ

herb

herd

jerk

kern

perk

pert

(serf)

(berth)

perch

term

(tern)

verb

BertEnding in –ER-VE

conserve

deserve

nerve

observe

preserve

reserve

serve

swerve

verveEnding in –ER—SE

adverse

averse

converse

disperse

diverse

immerse

intersperse

inverse

obverse

perverse

reverse

submerse

terse

transverse

traverse

universe

verseEnding in –ER—GE

converge

diverge

emerge

merge

(serge)

submerge

verge

er multisyllable words with only closed, open, v-c-e and –er syllables

perfect

invert

waver

chapter

Peter

slender

prefer

order

ponder

hermit

perfume

verdict

confer

luster

overt

herself

covert

divert

number

fervent

serpent

over

sister

members

perhaps

paper

under

shiver

versus

lantern

driver

enter

Peter

perform

servile

cavern

whisper

master

usher

hunker

persist

perplex

monster

tether

ferment

convert

termite

shifter

spider

border

superb

safer

somber

berserk

dervish

slumber

percale

permit

Vermont

silversmith

disaster

deliver

partnership

interpret

overtone

carpenter

generate

intersect

underline

remember

understand

reverberate

Frequently occurring –er words (all syllable types & exceptions)

brother

butter

other

her

number

water

over

after

another

different

letter

mother

answer

every

father

never

under

paper

together

river

ever

order

better

however

remember

covered

several

pattern

numeral

certain

person

verb

understand

government

power

matter

perhaps

center

farmer

general

energy

members

exercise

difference

summer

winter

interest

discover

weather

whether

flowers

teacher

per

wonder

fingers

serve

desert

corner

modern

rather

interesting

consider

enter

observe

property

terms

shoulder

northern

western

eastern

southern

sister

workers

determine

underline

er mutisyllable words – double consonant

l

letter

upper

platter

glimmer

dinner

summer

shatter

offer

suffer

hammer

clutter

rubber

splatter

dimmer

buzzer

glitter

fodder

shopper

runner

ladder

simmer

better

potter

jogger

mutter

stagger

filler

robber

skinner

stopper

kidder

butter

stammer

shudder

slugger

UR words

**C-UR**

cur

fur

sur

**UR-C**

urn

**C-UR-C**

burn

churn

curb

curl

curt

burl

furl

curd

burp

hurl

hurt

lurch

lurk

murk

purl\*

turf

turn

surf

churl

**CC-UR**

blur

spur

**CC-UR-C**

blurb

blurt

scurf

slurp

spurn

spurt

**Ending with E**

curse

curve

nurse

purge

purse

urge

splurge

surge

**Other**

knurl

purr

burr

UR Multisyllable Words

with only closed, opoen, v-c-e and –ur syllables

sunburn

turnpike

churchyard

disturb

burlap

return

surplus

recur

demur

turnip

survive

concur

murmur

urbane

usurp

surprise

absurd

furnish

burnish

femur

turbid

unfurl

urchin

surname

furlong

furbish

churlish

lurid

lemur

incur

purport

burden

current

murky

curly

sturdy burly

scurvy

hurry

scurry

turbulent

turpentine

bifurcate

unburden

burgundy

Extensive List of words with –ur

A

abjuration

abjuring

absurdity

allure

alluring

appurtenant

Arthur

assure

assurance

auburn

augur

augury

B

bifurcate

blur

blurb

blurt

bravura

burble

burden

burdock

burgess

burglar

Burgundy

Bujumbura

burl

burlap

burlesque

burly

Burma

burnish

burn

burnoose

burp

burgeon

burro

burrow

bursar

bursitis

burst

C

cheeseburger

chemurgy

chiaroscurist

church

churchyard

churn

churl

churlish

commensurate

concur

concurrent

conjure

conjuring

corduroy

cultural

cur

curb

curd

curdle

curfew

curl

curlew

curmudgeon

currant

currency

current

curriculum

curry

curse

cursive

cursor

cursory

curt

curtail

curtain

curtsey

curvature

curve

D

demur

disburse

disturb

diurnal

diuretic

dramaturgy

durable

durability

duration

E

excursion

endurable

expurgate

exurb

F

femur

flurry

furlong

furnace

frankfurter

fur

furrow

further

furtive

furbish

furlong

furnish

furniture

further

furtive

G

gurgle

guttural

H

hamburger

homburg

hurdle

hurl

hurricane

hurt

hurrah

hurry

hurtle

I

imperturbable

incur

incursion

indurate

injury

insurgent

insurmountable

insurrection J

jodhpurs

jurisdiction

jury

K

knurl

L

lemur

liturgy

lure

luring

lurid

lurch

lurk

luxury

M

mazurka

mensuration

metallurgy

murder

murky

murk

murmur

N

nasturtiums

nocturnal

nurse

nursery

O

obdurate

objurgate

occur

outburst

P

penury

perjury

perturb

plural

politburo

purchase

purgative

purgatory

purge

purl

purlieu

purloin

purple

purport

purpose

purr

purse

pursue

pursuant

purulent

purvey

purview

R

recur

refurbish

regurgitate

reimburse

resurgent

resurrect

return

rural

S

Saturn

saturnine

scurf

scurrilous

scurry

scurvy

sequitur

slur

slurp

slurry

splurge

spur

spurious

spurn

spurt

sturdy

sturgeon

suburb

suburban

sulfur

sunburn

suppurate

surcease

surcharge

surface

surfeit

surfer

surge

surgeon

surgery

surly

surmise

surmount

surname

surpass

surplice

surplus

surpass

surreal

surprise

surrender

surreptitious

surrey

surrender

surrogate

surround

survey

surveillance

survive

T

taciturn

tellurium

thaumaturgy

topsy-turvy

turban

turbine

turbid

turbulent

turf

turgid

turkey

turmeric

turmoil

turn

turnip

turnpike

turnstile

turntable

turpentine

turpitude

turquoise

tureen

turret

turtle

U

uncurl

unfurl

urbane

urge

urgent

urn

urchin

usurp

usury

Y

yogurt

-ure words with /yer/ sound

cure

demure

epicure

erasure

failure

figure

immure

impure

insecure

inure

manicure

obscure

pedicure

procure

pure

secure

sinecure

tenure

transfigure

-ure words with /er/ sound

acupuncture

adjure

adventure

agriculture

allure

aperture

architecture

armature

assure

azure

brochure

capture

caricature

censure

cincture

closure

cloture

cocksure

coiffure

coinsure

composure

configure

conjecture

conjuncture

conjure

countermeasure

couture

creature

culture

curvature

cynosure

debenture

denature

denture

departure

disclosure

discomfiture

disfigure

displeasure

divestiture

embouchure

embrasure

enclosure

endure

enrapture

ensure

expenditure

exposure

feature

fissure

fixture

floriculture

foreclosure

forfeiture

fracture

furniture

future

garniture

gesture

haute couture

horticulture

immature

indenture

infrastructure

injure

insure

judicature

juncture

lecture

legislature

leisure

ligature

literature

lure

manufacture

manure

mature

measure

miniature

misadventure

mixture

moisture

musculature

nature

nomenclature

nurture

overture

pasture

perjure

photogravure

picture

pisciculture

pleasure

portraiture

posture

prefecture

premature

pressure

primogeniture

procedure

puncture

rapture

reassure

rotogravure

rupture

scripture

sculpture

seizure

signature

silviculture

stature

stricture

structure

subculture

sure

suture

temperature

texture

tincture

tonsure

torture

treasure

venture

verdure

vesture

vulture

YR WORDS

/ER/SOUNDS

martyr

myrmidon

myrrh

myrtle

porphyry

satyr

syringe

zephyr/EAR/ (long e) sound

syrinx

pyramid

myriad

tyranny

lyrics

empyrean

IR words

C-IR

fir

sir

IR-C

irk

C-IR-C

bird

dirt

dirk

firm

gird

girl

girt

C-IR-C w/ digraphs

birch

birth

firth

girth

mirth

chirp

shirk

shirt

third

whirl

CC-IR-C

flirt

quirk

skirt

smirk

swirl

twirl

smirch

CC-IR-CC

first

thirst

CCC-IR-C

squirm

squirt

ir multisyllable words with closed, open, v-c-e and r-controlled syllables

catbird

directly

skirmish

confirm

infirm

quirky

extirpate

birthrate

birthmark

stirrup

birthdate

elixir

misdirect

Birmingham

birthstone

circus

circumvent

circulate

circumlocute

ir words with cir (there are a few others w/ different suffixes that I didn’t include like circumstantial )

circle

circa

circle

circlet

circuit

circular

circulate

circulation

circulatory

circumcise

circumflex

circumference

circumlocution

circumnavigate

circumspect

circumstance

circumstantial

circumscribe

circumvent

circus

ir words – extensive list

a

admiral

admirable

admiration

affirm

aspiration

aspirin

aspirate

aspirin

B

besmirch

birch

bird

Birmingham

birth

birthday

birthmark

birthplace

birthrate

birthstone

blackbird

C

catbird

chirp

chirrup

circa

circle

circlet

circuit

circular

circulate

circulation

circulatory

circumcise

circumflex

circumference

circumlocution

circumnavigate

circumspect

circumstance

circumstantial

circumscribe

circumscription

circumvent

circus

cirrhosis

confirm

confirmation

D

direct

direction

director

dirge

dirk

dirge

dirk

dirt

dirty

E

elixir

expiration

extirpation

F

fakir

fir

firm

firmament

first

firth

flirt

G

giraffe

gird

girdle

girl

girt

girth

I

indirect

infirm

infirmary

infirmity

inquiry

inspiration

irk

J

jailbird

M

mirage

mirth

misdirect

N

New

Hampshire

nightshirt

nirvana

O

outskirts

P

perspiration

piranha

pirogi

Q

quirk

R

respiration

S

shirk

semicircle

shirr

shirt

sir

sirloin

sirocco

skirmish

skirt

smirch

smirk

squirm

squirrel

squirt

stir

stirrup

swirl

T

tapir

third

thirst

thirteen

thirty

transpiration

twirl

V

virago

virgin

Virginia

virgule

virtu

virtue

virtual

virtuoso

virtuous

W

whirl

whirligig

whirlpool

whirlwind

whir

Z

zircon