

PHONICS WORD SORTS

R-CONTROLLED VOWELS



Word Hunt & Sort

Read the words. Write them under the correct r-controlled vowel. Then, read each list three times.

worn	for	tart	cord
park	yarn	sort	cart
fork	born	tarp	jar

ar or

R-Controlled Vowels

Sort and glue the word by sound.

ar or

Illustrations of a necklace, a bar graph, a flower, and a fork.

Teacher Dictation Scripts

Directions: In this activity, I am going to say a word, use it in a sentence, and write it on your paper based on how the r-controlled vowel sound is spelled.

fort	I built a snow fort.
car	My car is black.
Mark	Mark is a nice guy.
horn	He blew the horn.
dorm	She sleeps in the dorm.
hard	Was the math test hard?
Ford	Ford helped my sister with her homework.
farm	I live on a farm.

ar VS or

r-controlled vowels

Name: _____

R-Controlled Vowels

Cut out the words. Say each word. Sort and glue the word by sound.

ar		or	
bark	yard	cork	for
part	card	sort	cord

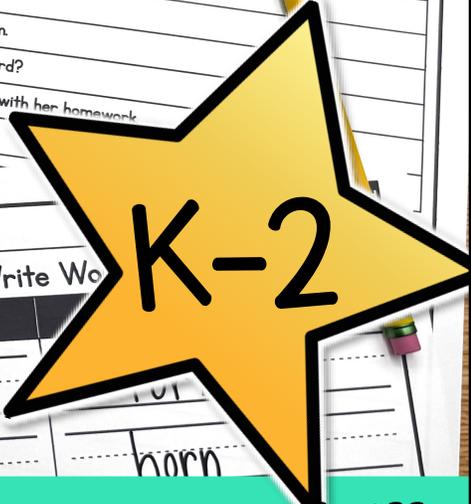
Name: _____

Listen & Write Words

ar

car

horn



differentiate with 5 sorts per skill

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4 R-CONTROLLED VOWEL SKILLS INCLUDED

Comparing R-Controlled Vowel Sounds

ar VS or

ir VS er VS ur

*or VS ore

mixed r-controlled
vowels review

**Please note: In the picture sort, students will hear the /or/ sound spelled as or OR ore. Because the spelling difference cannot be heard, the picture sorts should be completed with teacher guidance and is included to support spelling pattern awareness and consistency within the phonics skill set.*

5 sort types per skill



no-prep sorts total

Covers all r-controlled vowels decoding contrasts for targeted phonics instruction.

Includes **5** research-based sort types for every skill!

Name: _____

R-Controlled Vowels

Cut the pictures. Say each word. Sort and glue the word by sound.

ar	or

hands on...

Name: _____

R-Controlled Vowels

Cut out the words. Say each word. Sort and glue the word by sound.

ar	or

cord	dark
sort	born
card	pork
part	torn
for	jar
yard	dart

picture/sound only

words only

Use a different sort each week day **OR** differentiate to meet every student's needs!

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r-controlled vowels

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decoding + encoding

Name: _____

r-controlled vowels

Word Hunt & Sort

Find words with r-controlled vowels and write them under the correct r-controlled vowel. Then, read your lists three times each.

ar	or

NO PREP

Color a star each time you read the lists above.

Teacher Dictation Scripts

r-controlled vowels

ar VS or

Directions: In this activity, I am going to say a word, use it in a sentence, and say it again. Your job is to listen for the r-controlled vowel sound. It will be /ar/ or /or/. Then, you will write the word in the correct column on your paper based on how the r-controlled vowel sound is spelled.

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Name: _____

r-controlled vowels

Listen & Write Word Sort

ar	or

dictation

There's a sort for that!



Word Work Routine

Use a different sort each day to target the same phonics skills all week.

Small Group Reading

Choose the best-fit sort for your group's current skill level.

Phonics Intervention

Target foundational decoding skills in a structured, hands-on way.

Homework Or Take-Home Practice

Send home a sort to reinforce class instruction.

Quick Assessments or Progress Monitoring

Use the written word sort or dictation sort as a no-prep skill check.