

Bossy R

2nd Grade

When r follows a vowel it takes over.

When r follows a vowel it takes over. The vowel makes neither its short nor its long sound.

ar · er · ir · or · ur

ar

car, star, farm

Says 'ar' — the easiest one to hear.

or

for, corn, storm

Says 'or', like the word or itself.

er, ir, ur

her, bird, turn

All three make the same 'ur' sound.

Which one?

you have to learn it

er, ir and ur sound identical — spelling has to be remembered.

Three spellings, one sound. That is why bird, herd and word all rhyme but look different.