

Name _____

R-Word Detective Answer Key

Real words:

1. fern
2. corn
3. bird
4. herd
5. storm
6. skirt
7. burn
8. surf
9. porch
10. churn

All other words are nonsense.

Teacher's Guide

- Review each bossy r pattern (ar, or, er, ir, ur) before beginning. Model how the r changes the vowel sound in each pattern.
- Support struggling readers by having them tap or clap each sound in the word before deciding if it is real or nonsense.
- Encourage students to explain why a word is real or not. This builds metacognitive awareness and strengthens decoding accuracy.
- For an extension, let students make a two-column chart of their own titled Real R-Words and Nonsense R-Words and create five words for each category.