R-Sound Sorters Answer Key

ar: star, barn, carpet, harbor

or: storm, fork, short, church

er: fern, herd, surfer, perch

ir: shirt, swirl, bird

ur: curve, turnip, turtle, burst

Teacher's Guide

- Introduce or review the five main **bossy r patterns** and model how the r changes the vowel sound.

- Provide highlighters or color pencils so students can color-code each pattern before sorting for extra visual support.

- For students who need more guidance, read the word bank aloud and clap the sounds together.

- For an extension, have students write two original sentences using at least one word from any two different r-controlled categories.

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