Vowel Ranger Sort Answer Key

ar: cart, harvest

or: storm, porch

er: fern, serve

ir: bird, skirt

ur: curl, nurse

Teacher's Guide

- Encourage students to say each word aloud and listen for the r-controlled vowel. Have them underline the r-controlled part before sorting.
- For extra support, pre-teach the five patterns using a quick anchor chart with sample words.
- For students who need enrichment, have them add one new word to each column after sorting the list.
- Turn this into a small-group activity by giving students cards with words and letting them sort together, then justify their choices aloud to build phonemic awareness and vocabulary.

