R-Controlled Syllable

- the vowel is followed by an r
- the vowel does NOT have the long or short sound but an entirely new sound
- the r controls the vowel sound

***ar* says /ar/ as in car**
***or* says /or/ as in fort**
***er* says /er/ as in fern**

These are the most frequently used R-controlled syllables.

MORE r-controlled syllables:

You learned the most common way to spell /er/ is er. There are three more ways to spell /er/:

***ir* says /er/ as in girl**
***ur* says /er/ as in burn**
***ear* says /er/ as in early (5th grade skill)**

The pattern ear also says:

***ear* says /eer/ as in hear**