When an $r$ follows a vowel, it changes the sound of that vowel. It is called a murmur diphthong. The sound of the $ar$ murmur diphthong is /ar/. Put an $x$ under the vowel and arc $a$ and $r$ together. Follow the directions on the page.

Section Nine: AR Murmur Diphthong

Practice writing the $ar$ murmur diphthong.

\[
\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\text{ar} & \text{ar} & \text{ar} & \text{ar} & \text{ar} & \text{ar} \\
\end{array}
\]

Mark and read these words.

\[
\begin{array}{ccccccc}
carp & \text{scarf} \\
\times \ & \text{} \\
\text{star} & \text{tart} \\
\text{cart} & \text{harp} \\
\text{start} & \text{harm} \\
\text{smart} & \text{lard} \\
\text{lark} & \text{arm} \\
\end{array}
\]
Prove each word at the left. Write it again at the right, adding -ing. Practice writing the Most Common Words.

Section Nine: Adding Endings to Murmur Diphthongs

park _______ star ________
mark _______ harm ________
start _______ tar ________

Most Common Words

gone
long
great
light
Section Nine: Reading With the Murmur Diphthong AR

Where did Jeff park his car? He put his car in the barn.

A shark swims in the sea. A shark can harm you.

Joan made a nice card for her mom. It has a star on the top.

Glen was smart to keep his coat and scarf on in the wind.

The yard was filled with plants and trees. A little cart full of logs sat near the pond.
Section Nine: OR Murmur Diphthong

Practice writing the or murmur diphthong.

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or  or  or  or  or
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Prove and read these words.

- storm
- stork
- torn
- horn
- cord
- pork
- corn
- born
- dorm
- port
- fork
- Ford

Reading with the Murmur Diphthong OR

1. Use a fork to eat the pork roast.

2. Jill, would you go start the car? Honk the horn when it’s time to leave.

3. My dad likes to cut his corn from the cob and eat it with a fork.

4. Dan, be sure you take your coat. It’s going to storm!

5. A little lad sat alone in the park. His coat was worn and his pants were torn.
Use Decoding Skills #1 and #2 to prove the words on this page.

Section Nine: Using the Murmur Diphthong OR in Multi-Syllable Words

Decode the following words. Then read the sentences below.

endorse  correct  tornado
important  report  storm
forest  story  porcupine
hornet

1. I cannot endorse your product until I am sure your claims are correct.

2. The tornado tore up ten large trees in the forest. It will be important to get the latest reports on the storm.

3. Did you hear Dan’s story? He was running from a porcupine in the forest and ran right into a hornet nest!!

Most Common Words

Practice writing these Most Common Words.

love
money
lose
laugh
Section Nine: *ER, UR, and IR* Murmur Diphthongs

Practice writing and marking these murmur diphthongs.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{er} & \quad \text{er} & \quad \text{er} \\
\text{ur} & \quad \text{ur} & \quad \text{ur} \\
\text{ir} & \quad \text{ir} & \quad \text{ir}
\end{align*}
\]

Prove and read these words:

- jerk
- stern
- clerk
- herd
- curb
- burn
- turn
- curl
- dirt
- first
- skirt
- twirl
- germ
- fern
- term
- verb
- burp
- hurt
- surf
- nurse
- firm
- bird
- flirt
- smirk

In the sentences below, underline any words containing *er, ur, or ir*. Then read the sentence.

1. When my brother was hurt on a hot pan, the nurse on duty told him it was important to keep his burn clean and free of germs.

2. During the first term the students in our class learned how to use verbs.

3. See that girl in the red skirt? I get the feeling she is flirting with me!

**Most Common Words**

Practice writing these Most Common Words.

- island
- genius
- by
Using both Decoding Skills, prove and read these words. They use all five murmur diphthongs.

Section Nine: Using Murmur Diphthongs in Multit-Syllable Words

- hamburger
- hurry
- current
- furnace
- furniture
- survive
- hurricane
- forget
- platform
- factory
- history
- absorb
- artist
- carpet
- hardest
- market
- regard
- apartment
- perfect
- spider
- paper
- perfume
- slender
- herself
- different
- letter
- person
- direct
- birthday
- circulate

Practice writing these Most Common Words.

- earn
- learn
- early
- heard
Section Nine: Exceptions:
Silent E, Adjacent Vowels, and W

Silent E: Follow the silent e skill when the e comes right after the r in a murmur diphthong.

- fire
- pure
- care
- more
- here
- tire

Adjacents: If adjacents come first, follow the adjacent vowel skill.

- fear
- hear
- dear
- air
- steer
- tear

W: When w come before ar it says /or/; when w comes before or it says /er/!

- war
- word
- warn
- world
- ward
- worst
- worm
Section Nine: Most Common Word
List #7

Read the most common words. Find and circle them in the paragraphs below then read the paragraphs.

gone    long    great    light
love    lose    laugh    money
island  by    genius    earn
learn    early    heard

As the first light of early morning warmed the beach, David set out to explore the island. He laughed as he remembered all the jobs he had worked to earn money to come on this trip. It had taken him a long time and a great deal of effort!

David had a great love for the sea. When he heard that Doctor Ford was planning to bring students to the island to observe sea life, he didn’t lose a minute preparing to come. Dr. Ford was a genius when it came to sea life, and David decided if he let this opportunity to learn pass by it would be gone.
Section Nine: Reading With All Murmur Diphthongs, Exceptions, and \( W \)

Find and circle any words that contain murmur diphthongs, that are exceptions to the murmur diphthong rule, or that are affected by \( w \). Then read the sentences.

1. Bart stepped off the curb, walked across the street, and entered the market. The clerk smiled at him. She was a friendly girl and made him feel like an important person.

2. “There’s a storm coming and I want you to put on your warm coat and scarf if you’re going to the park,” said Mother.

3. Curt and Marge met at the library to read their history. They had to prepare a paper on World War II.

4. Fern was so happy! Today was the first day in her apartment. She hung up her skirt and put on her worn jeans. Before she put the furniture in, she needed to be sure the apartment was free of dirt and germs.

5. A slender nurse walked softly to Bart’s bed. His hand and arm hurt badly. Bart had been working at the factory when the platform he was standing on suddenly fell! A large, stone jar full of hot pork grease was also on the platform and as Bart fell, the hot grease spilled onto his arm and hand, burning them. It hurt a lot, but Bart was just glad he had survived!