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Episode 414: A Hungry Groundhog and Segmenting R-Controlled Vowel Syllables

Book: How Groundhog's Garden Grew

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Words to Know

burrow - a hole or tunnel dug by a small animal

harvest - the process of gathering crops

burlap - a heavy fabric used for bags

winter - the season between fall and spring

Try It

Use the rules for **dividing syllables** on the words below.

burrow

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harvest

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burlap

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winter

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Bossy R

R-Controlled Vowels

When a vowel is followed by an **r**, it makes a special sound. The **r** makes the vowel change its name.

-ir in **bird**

-ur in **purple**

-er in **person**

-or in **fort**

-ar in **car**

Phonics Skills

Dividing Syllables

Every syllable has one vowel sound

•Put a dot under each vowel

a e i o u and sometimes **y**

•Underline any vowel teams:

ei oo aw

•Divide between

• 2 consonants

• 2 vowels

• a consonant and a vowel