

# Support for English Learners

## Unit 27, page 174: Vowel + r Sound in car

Some children may not recognize the vowel sound in vowel + *r* spellings.

### Listen

Say: *In some words, a vowel comes before the letter r. In these words, the vowel sound is not short or long. Let's listen to some Basic Words with the vowel + r sound: car, star, park, yard. Model the pronunciation of the word car: /är/, /är/ /är/ /är/, cääär, car. Have children repeat after you. Continue with star, park, and yard.*

### Speak and Read

Say: *Let's practice the vowel + r sound in the Basic Word car together. Follow the procedure above to model the sound. Ask children to repeat after you. Repeat with star, park, and yard.*

Write *car star, park, and yard* on the board. Say: *The vowel + r sound can be spelled ar. Have children read the words aloud in unison as you point to each one. Have volunteers underline the ar pattern in each word.*

### Spell

**Beginning/Preproduction** Read the Basic Words *dark, park, and hard* aloud, and then write them on the board. Have children copy the words into their word-study notebooks and circle the vowel + *r* spelling in each word.

**Early Production/Speech Emergent** Write the Basic Words *farm, are, car, and start* on the board. Then write the following on the board: *\_ \_ar\_, \_ar\_, \_ar\_*. Have volunteers go to the board to fill in the blanks. Point out that the *ar* spelling can appear at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of a word.

**Intermediate/Advanced** Write the Basic Words *dark, park, arm, hard, farm, party, are, car, yard, and start* on the board. Have children write a sentence in their word-study notebooks, using at least two of the words in the sentence. Call on children to read their sentences aloud. Ask: *Which word or words in this sentence have the vowel + r sound? How do we spell this sound?*

It was dark when we got home from the party.