How to make: On mural paper, paint (or have students paint) a large racetrack. From construction paper, cut eight racecars that are big enough to write on. Label each car with one of the vowel + /r/ sounds (/ôr/, /âr/, /âr/, /îr/, /ûr/, final ar), homophones, or compound words. Tack the cars on the racetrack, two on each side and four across the bottom. Tack only the side and bottom edges of the cars; leave the top edges open. Write the title of the bulletin board, Start Your Cars!, along the top edge of the racetrack. Staple a folder in the center of the racetrack and label it Gas.

How to use: Write (or have students write) the Basic Words from Units 7–11 on strips of paper. Place them in the Gas folder. Have students read each word and put the strip in the correct racecar.