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Grade 3: Weekly Phonics Focus Lesson 24

In our classroom this week, we are learning to read and spell **vowel-r, complex multisyllable words**. Here are the patterns to practice this week:

Vowel-r Syllables	Vowel-r syllables have 1 vowel sound spelled with 1 or 2 vowels and the consonant <i>r</i> , which affects the way the vowel sound is pronounced. The consonant <i>w</i> before the vowel-r pattern changes the a-r and o-r vowel sounds.
Vowel-r, Complex Multisyllable	In a multisyllable word with the vowel-r pattern, 1 or more syllables follow the vowel-r pattern. Complex multisyllable words will not be divided between 2 consonants (e.g., re gret).

Here are some examples of words with the vowel-r, complex multisyllable pattern:

brainst <u>o</u> rm	sur <u>u</u> plus	transf <u>e</u> r	h <u>a</u> rdship	whir <u>i</u> lwind
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Below are activities to practice at home this week. You may also use the activities and questions from the initial **Family Support Letter** to further address your child's success in learning the weekly phonics focus.

Read Words

Guide your child through reading vowel-r, complex multisyllable words by saying, "Let's read some multisyllable words." Read these steps to your child:

1. Find the vowels and underline them. If there is a consonant *r* following the vowel underline it as part of the vowel sound.
2. Count the consonants between the vowels. Remember that the *r* is part of the vowel sound, but it is still considered a consonant when we think about where to divide the word.

3. Draw a line to divide the syllables. Use your knowledge about affixes, blends, and digraphs to decide which consonants need to stick together.
4. Read each syllable, then read the whole word.

farther	thirsty	Thursday	transport	refer
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Read Phrases

Guide your child through reading phrases by saying, "Let's read phrases. Point to the first phrase. Read across each row. Ready?"

experts study	an urgent meeting
planets orbit around	survive the cold winter
use solar power	departed on time
thirty birds chirp	a perfect game

Sentence Dictation

Guide your child through writing a sentence by saying, "I will tell you a sentence. You will repeat the sentence with me and then write it. If you forget a word, I will tell you the next word."

1. Tell your child to listen as you read this sentence:

Experts study how to harness solar power.

2. Have your child repeat the sentence with you, then write it.
3. When your child is finished writing, show your child the sentence and say, "Let's check the sentence together. Place a dot under each letter and punctuation mark that is correct. Make any corrections you need to."

(Note: Before your child begins writing, explain that in this sentence the sound /er/ is spelled with the letters *er*.)

Read Words Answer Key: fār|thēr, sō|lār, Thūrs|dāy, trāns|pōrt, rē|fēr