

## Vocabulary Building Activities

Review important letter sounds and reading rules from Grade 4 Vocabulary

Soft-C Rule Soft-G Rule R-Controlled Vowels – ar – er – ir – ur – or – [Hear sounds online](#)

### Soft C Rule – Soft G Rule

1. recently
2. citizen
3. generous
4. suggest
5. gigantic

### R-Controlled Vowels – ar-er-ir-ur-or

6. particle
7. observe
8. firm
9. hurricane
10. horizon

**Soft C Rule:** Letter C makes the sound of “S” when it is followed by letter “e” or letter “i”

**Soft G Rule:** Letter G makes the sound of “J” when it is followed by letter “e” or letter “i”

**R-Controlled Vowels** – “er ir ur” make the same sound “rrrr” – “ar” makes the same sound as the name of letter “r” (as in car) – “or” makes the same sound as heard in the word “or” (as in more)

### SKILL 1 – Soft C Rule – Soft G Rule

1. “C” makes the sound of what letter when it is followed by letter “e” or letter “i” ? \_\_\_\_\_
2. “C” makes the sound of what letter when it is followed by letter “a” – “o” – “u” ? \_\_\_\_\_
3. “G” makes the sound of what letter when it is followed by letter “e” or letter “i” ? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What word contains letter “g” that has both the hard and soft sound? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which word contains an example of the soft-c rule and means “not long ago” ? \_\_\_\_\_

### SKILL 2 – Identify Vowel Sounds – ar – er – ir – ur – or

6. What three groups of letters make the same sound (as in were)? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What r-controlled letters make the sound of the name of a single letter of the alphabet? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Which list word contains two letters that rhyme with “more” ? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Which list word means the same as “not soft” ? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Which list word means “to watch” ? \_\_\_\_\_

### SKILL 3 – Vowel Sound Thinking (words not from list above)

11. When a word ends in letters “ar” and “or” its sound changes to be like what letters? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Try to think of a word that contains both “ar” and “er”: \_\_\_\_\_
13. What word that contains “ur” means a cloth that covers a window: \_\_\_\_\_
14. What word begins with letters “cer” and means “being sure” about something: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Is the word you chose for number 14 above a “soft-c rule” word? \_\_\_\_\_
16. How fast can you say all 10 list words? 4 sec – 5 sec – 6 sec – 7 sec – 8 sec – 9 sec – 10 sec

### SKILL 4 – Put each of the list words into a sentence containing at least 7 words.