

Decodable Texts: All R-Controlled

"This fantasy uses mixed R-controlled vowels like 'mirror,' 'fern,' 'curved,' and 'explorer.' Let's follow Fern on her bold adventure!"



Fern and the Mirror Door

Fern followed her cat through a garden path.

At the end stood an old mirror with a golden border.

She touched the center—and the mirror opened like a door!

Inside was a hallway with curved walls and silver lights.

A whisper called, "Turn left at the fern pot."

She turned, stepped through a curtain, and saw her pet purring on a throne!

"You're braver than I thought," said a voice from the air.

Fern grinned. "I'm not just a girl—I'm an explorer."

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

Gern

border

curved

purring

explorer



Name: _____

Fern and the Mirror Door

1. What did Fern find at the end of the garden path?

- A. A tree
- B. A golden rock
- C. A mirror that became a door
- D. A map on a wall

2. Who did Fern find sitting on the throne?

- A. Her cat
- B. Her friend
- C. Her teacher
- D. Her brother

3. Fill in the blank:

"I'm not just a girl—I'm an _____."

4. What clues in the story tell us this mirror was magical?

5. How did Fern show courage during her journey?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Mixed R-Controlled Vowels (ar, er, ir, or, ur)

Genre: Fiction – Adventure / Fantasy

High-Frequency Words: her, through, said, turn, just

Before Reading

1. This story blends “ar,” “er,” “ir,” “or,” and “ur” sounds in words like *mirror*, *fern*, *curved*, *border*, and *explorer*.
 2. What would you do if a mirror turned into a door?
 3. Where would you go if you could step into a secret world?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Practice decoding “R” vowel patterns in *Fern*, *mirror*, *purring*, *curved*, *explorer*, and *border*.
 2. Watch for or/er/ir/ur/ar words that guide Fern’s adventure
 3. What changed when she touched the mirror?
 4. Read the final line with pride and wonder
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After Reading

1. Retell how Fern found the mirror and where it led
 2. What does the voice mean when it says Fern is brave?
 3. If you had a magic mirror door, where would it lead?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight one word for each R-controlled pattern
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again with a bold, brave voice—like you’re exploring a new world!
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Activity Idea

Draw Fern stepping through the mirror door into a magical hallway with curved walls and her cat on a throne. Label parts using words like *Fern*, *mirror*, *curved*, *purring*, *border*, or *explorer*. Write one sentence about what she might explore next.

Coaching Tip

Fantasy and decoding blend beautifully—build phonics mastery through magical adventures!

