

Decodable Texts: All R-Controlled

"This mystery uses mixed R-controlled vowels like 'burger,' 'corner,' 'Parker,' and 'art cart.'
Let's follow the clues and find out who took the lunch!"



The Burger Clue

Parker opened his lunchbox and gasped.

His burger was gone!

He looked under the wrapper, behind the fork, and even inside his locker.

"Did a bird take it?" he muttered.

Then he saw a note taped to the floor: *Find the next clue near the corner rug.*

Parker ran across the room and spotted a small card under the rug.

It read: *Check the art cart.*

Inside the cart was his burger—with a bite missing!

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

Parker

burger

corner

locker

bird



Name: _____

The Burger Clue

1. What was missing from Parker's lunch?

- A. An apple
- B. A sandwich
- C. His burger
- D. His juice box

2. Where did the final clue send Parker?

- A. To the hallway
- B. To the art cart
- C. To his teacher
- D. To the trash

3. Fill in the blank:

Then he saw a note taped to the floor: *Find the next clue near the _____ rug.*

4. What clues helped Parker solve the mystery of the missing burger?

5. What might happen next if he finds out who took the bite?



Coaching Guide

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

Genre: Fiction – Mystery / Humor

High-Frequency Words: his, was, the, he, inside

Before Reading

1. This story uses R-controlled vowel words like *Parker*, *burger*, *corner*, *cart*, and *locker*.
 2. Have you ever followed clues to find something missing?
 3. What would you do if your lunch disappeared?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Blend and tap “R” vowel sounds in *burger*, *corner*, *Parker*, *bird*, *locker*, and *cart*.
 2. Watch how each clue moves Parker from place to place
 3. What do the words tell us about setting and mystery?
 4. Read Parker’s lines with surprise and suspicion!
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After Reading

1. Retell where Parker looked and what he found
 2. Why do you think someone left clues instead of just eating the burger?
 3. What kind of funny mystery would you write using R-controlled words?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight one word for each R-controlled vowel pattern
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again like you're solving the mystery along with Parker!
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Activity Idea

Draw Parker finding the card under the corner rug and looking into the art cart. Label parts using mixed R-controlled vowel words like *burger*, *Parker*, *corner*, *locker*, *cart*, or *bird*. Write one sentence about what might happen next.

Coaching Tip

Funny mysteries engage and challenge—use word patterns to sharpen both decoding and logic skills.

