

## Decodable Texts: R-Controlled (ir)

*"This story includes 'ir' pattern words like 'dirt,' 'girl,' and 'shirt.' Let's see how Mira turns a tumble into triumph!"*



### The Dirt Bike Girl

Mira had a dirt bike and a purple shirt with stars.

She loved to ride on curvy trails and turn fast.

One day, she hit a bump and fell with a thump.

"It's just a small hurt," she said, brushing off the dirt.

Her friend chirped, "That was wild!"

Mira grinned, gave a firm nod, and rode again.

By sunset, she had earned a prize for her skill.

"Dirt doesn't scare this girl," Mira said.

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

dirt

girl

shirt

chirped

firm



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Dirt Bike Girl

1. What did Mira like to ride?

- A. A horse
- B. A scooter
- C. A dirt bike
- D. A skateboard

2. What did Mira do after she fell?

- A. She quit
- B. She sat and cried
- C. She brushed off the dirt and kept riding
- D. She called her dad

3. Fill in the blank:

"Dirt doesn't scare this \_\_\_\_\_," Mira said.

4. What does this story show about being brave after a mistake?

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5. How did Mira's actions help her earn a prize?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** ir R-Controlled Vowel

**Genre:** Fiction – Realistic Fiction

**High-Frequency Words:** had, her, with, that, this

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## Before Reading

1. This story features “ir” pattern words like *dirt*, *girl*, *shirt*, and *hurt*.
  2. Have you ever fallen while trying something fun or new?
  3. What helped you get back up and keep going?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Practice “ir” words like *dirt*, *hurt*, *firm*, and *shirt*.
  2. Watch for ir words that describe action, feeling, and courage
  3. What happened after Mira fell?
  4. Read Mira’s final line with energy and strength
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## After Reading

1. Retell how Mira fell and what she did next
  2. What makes Mira a strong and determined character?
  3. What would you try again if it didn’t go right the first time?
  4. Skill Check: Highlight six “ir” words in the story
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again with bold expression, like Mira after a great ride!
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## Activity Idea

Draw Mira riding her dirt bike on a curvy trail with stars on her shirt. Label items using ir words like *dirt*, *shirt*, *girl*, or *hurt*. Write one sentence about why she didn’t give up.

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## Coaching Tip

Stories about resilience help kids link phonics with real character strength—build fluency while celebrating effort.

