



The Effect of "R" AND "L" on Vowel Sounds		
VOWEL SOUND	VOWEL +	EXAMPLES
Short a e.g., cat	a + r = /ɔ/ (Short o)	bar car far jar mar par star tar BUT war = /wohr/ (Long o) & carry = /ker-iy/ (Short e)
æ	a + ld a + ll = /ɔ/ (Short o) a + lk	all ball bald call fall hall tall wall bald talk walk BUT shall = /shall/ & calendar = /ka-lən-dər/ (Short a)
Short e e.g., ten	e + r = /ɛ r/	alert germ her jerk kernel person sterling term were (your) BUT hero = /hiy-roh/ & zero = /ziy-roh/
ɛ	e + ll = no change /eL/ (Short e)	bell fell hell sell tell well
Short i e.g., his	i + r = /ɪ r/ (sound of 'her')	bird chirp dirt flirt sir shirt stir
ɪ	i + ll = no change /ihL/ (Short i)	bill dill fill gill hill mill pill still till will
Short o e.g., hot	o + r = /ohr/ (Long o)	born chord dorm form horn morning porn short torn worn storm BUT worm = /wɜrm/ & worry = /wɜr-riy/ & worst = /wɜrst/ & world = /wɜr-rɔld/
ɑ: / ɒ / ɔ:	o + ll = no change /ol/ BUT old = Long o	collie doll folly golly holly Molly Polly (Short o) BUT toll = /tohl/ fold, gold, hold, old = /ohld/ etc. (Long o)
Short u e.g., cut	u + r = /ʊ r/	burn churn fur hurt murmur purr turn BUT durable = /door-uh-bəl/ or /joor-uh-bəl/
ʌ	u + ll = /ʊ L / OR /uhL / (Short u)	bull full pull wool wolf (ʊ – sound of the word "would") dull gull hull lull mull null
/ou/ = /aʊ/ e.g., doubt ONE SYLLABLE	ou + r = = 2 Syllables /aʊ-wɜ r/	dour flour/flower hour/our sour (same sound as shower & tower) BUT pour = /pohr/ tour = /toor/



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Long a = /ei/ e.g., main	Long a + R + vowel = /er/ (Short e) air = /er/ arr = /er/	bare care carry chair dare fair hair glare mare Mary marry pair rare share spare tear there wear where
/ei/	Long a + L = 2 Syllables /ei- yə L /	bale fail gale hail male nail pale rail sale tale whale
Long e = /iy/ e.g., feet One Syllable	Long e + r = 2 Syllables /iy- yə r /	beer cheer clear dear deer fear gear hear near peer queer rear steer spear tear (n) BUT tear (v) = /ter/ bear = /ber/ pear = /per/ (Short e)
	Long e + L = 2 Syllables /iy-yə L /	deal feel heal kneel meal peel real seal teal wheel
Long i = /ai/ e.g., time One Syllable	Long i + r = 2 Syllables /ai- yə r /	choir dire fire hire liar mire prior sire tire wire
/ai/	Long i + L = 2 Syllables / ai-yə L /	child dial file guile mile Nile pile tile while BUT silo = /sai-lohw/
Long o e.g., home One Syllable	Long o + r = 2 Syllables /ohw- wə r /	bore core chore door floor four gore more pour roar store tore wore your/you're dorm form morning
	Long o + L = 2 Syllables /oh-w ə L /	bold coal cold dole fold foal goal hole hold mold mole old pole role shoal stole told whole
Long u e.g., soon or /iu/ or e.g.,cute	Long u + r = 2 Syllables /oo-wə r/ OR /iu-wə r/	boor lure poor tour fewer cure durable
	Long u + L = 2 Syllables /oo-wə L /	cool fool jewel pool stool spool tool you'll