R-Controlled Vowels: ar, or, er, ir, ur - ANSWER KEY

Grade 1 | Reading and spelling words with r-controlled vowels

When r comes after a vowel, the r changes the vowel sound. Read the clue. Write ar, or, er, ir, or ur to finish the word.

ar **or** **er** **ir** **ur**

1. A place where flowers and vegetables grow. — g **ar** den (garden)
2. A tiny living thing that can make you sick. — g **er** m (germ)
3. The color you get when you mix red and blue. — p **ur** ple (purple)
4. Wind, rain, and thunder all at once. — st **or** m (storm)
5. The short, high sound a little bird makes. — ch **ir** p (chirp)
6. The body part between your shoulder and hand. — **ar** m (arm)
7. A big bird that says "gobble, gobble." — t **ur** key (turkey)
8. A girl who has the same parents as you. — sist **er** (sister)
9. The direction that is the opposite of south. — n **or** th (north)
10. The day each year when you turn one year older. — b **ir** thday (birthday)
11. A building where people go to pray. — ch **ur** ch (church)
12. Good at learning things; clever. — sm **ar** t (smart)
13. A big wild cat with stripes. — tig **er** (tiger)
14. It comes after first and second. — th **ir** d (third)
15. You eat with this. It has points. — f **or** k (fork)