When R comes after a vowel in a word, it changes the way the vowel sounds. For example:

- Cat (short a sound)
- Car (R sound)
- Run (short u sound)
- Turn (ER sound)

**DIRECTIONS:** Read each word below quietly to yourself. If R is “in charge,” write the two letters that combine to make a special sound on the line. If R is not “in charge,” leave the line blank.

1. **ram**
2. **shirt**
3. **worn**
4. **rod**
5. **rat**
6. **ham**
7. **hard**
8. **rap**
9. **ride**
10. **rode**
11. **rod**
12. **hurt**
13. **grip**
14. **heart**
15. **her**
16. **bird**

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