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Vowel Teams and Bossy R Review



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RF.3.3.c Decode multisyllable words.

Materials: Highlighters, word cards (rainbow, sunflower, starfish, cheese, turtle, boat).

Students will

- Review vowel teams (ai, oa, ee, ow, ou).
- Review r-controlled vowels (ar, or, er, ir, ur).
- Find vowel teams and bossy r first to read longer words.
- Read compound and two-syllable words by parts.

Key words

vowel team	two letters that make one vowel sound
r-controlled vowel (bossy r)	a vowel followed by r that changes its sound
chunk	a part of a long word
compound word	two words joined (rainbow)

Before the video 2 minutes

Write starfish and rainbow. Ask: “Where would you break these words to read them?”

What happens in the video

0:00	Welcome to third grade and today's goal: vowel teams and bossy r
0:20	Vowel teams and bossy r
0:35	Teams in rainbow, sunflower, cheese
0:50	Bossy r in starfish, corn, turtle
1:04	Find the teams first, then read the parts
1:19	Spot the mistake: oa in boat says long o
1:37	Your turn! Students answer during each pause (see below)
2:48	Recap and goodbye

Spot the mistake at 1:19

> **Sam:** I can read this! B, O, T. Bot!
> **Ivy:** Hmm... look again. Are two vowels working together?
> **Mia:** Boat has an O A team! O A says long O. Boat!
> **Sam:** Oops! O A. Boat.

- Ask: “Are two vowels working together?” (Yes, oa.)
- Highlight the team, then read: boat.
- Read more: coat, road, toast.

Your-turn pauses students answer out loud, then the characters give the answer

TIME	QUESTION	ANSWER IN THE VIDEO
1:38	Which team is in boat?	O A! Boat.
1:49	Which bossy R team is in starfish?	A R! Starfish.
2:01	Which team is in cheese?	Double E! Cheese.
2:13	Which bossy R team is in corn?	O R! Corn.
2:25	Which team is at the start of rainbow?	A I! Rainbow.
2:37	Which bossy R team is in turtle?	U R! Turtle.

Tip: pause the video a little longer on any question your class finds hard, and ask a student to explain how they know.

After the video: talk about it

1. How do vowel teams help with long words?
2. Name a word with ur and a word with ou.
3. Chunk and read: thunderstorm.

Go further

Word sort: students sort long words by the vowel team or bossy r they contain.

Answer key for the practice page

1. oa
2. ar
3. ee
4. or
5. rain-bow
6. For example: rain, bird, coat.

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Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. **Which team is in boat?**

   Answer: _____

2. **Which bossy r team is in starfish?**

   Answer: _____

3. **Which team is in cheese?**

   Answer: _____

4. **Which bossy r team is in corn?**

   Answer: _____

5. **Break into parts: rainbow**

   Answer: _____

6. **Write and highlight three words with vowel teams or bossy r.**

   Answer: _____