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Little Ninja, The Star

Look for this sound!

ar



Fun
Phonics
Tips

R-controlled words are controlled by the letter r. Practice saying r-controlled words smoothly. For example, park should be /p/ /ar/ /k/ not /p/ /a/ /r/ /k/.

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New words
to know for
this book

**Bird,
Martial,
Karate,
+ Video**

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One day, Little Ninja marched over to see Nick. Nick was in his front yard on his tablet.

"Hi, Little Ninja," he said. "I'm watching some martial arts videos. Hmm...what if we made some too?"

"I love that plan," said Little Ninja.



"Can I spar in the videos?" asked Little Ninja.

"Let's be smart and start with your tricks," said Nick. "This won't be hard. I can use my tablet to make the video."

"Here's a good video. I like her karate moves! I can do that too!" said Little Ninja.



"I'll start with a jumping side kick. Here goes!" said Little Ninja.

"Did you get it? Does it look good?" asked Little Ninja.

"Yes, I got it! You look like a video star," said Nick.



Next, Little Ninja used his arm and broke a big stick with his karate chop.

"Did you video it?" he asked.

"Oh, no. I didn't hit the button in time. You moved so fast!" said Nick.



Next, Little Ninja did a back flip, but, at the best part, a bird blocked the tablet.

"Yikes!" said Nick. "That bird went in front of you just as you did the arc of the flip! I missed the flip, but I have a video of the bird."



All of a sudden, Nick said, "Oh, no! Look! That kitten is stuck and scared!"

"I can help," said Little Ninja.

"Don't be alarmed, kitten. I'm coming to help," Little Ninja said as he went out on the branch.



Little Ninja got the kitten!

"Good job, Little Ninja!" said Nick.
That was the best part of the
day and I got it all on video!"



A
B
C
D

Target Phonics Skill

R-Controlled Vowels -ar



R-Controlled Fun

- Think about the sound an animal or character makes to help you remember the sound!
- For -ar:
What do pirates say?
Arrr!!
- Other examples are:
car, park, and star.
Can you think of more?



Decodable Words

alarm	hard	spar
arc	march	smart
arm	part	star
arts	start	yard
branch		



High-Frequency Words

again	does
because	every
could	why

Decodable Words can be sounded out based on the letter-sound relationships.

High-Frequency Words are the most commonly used words. Your reader will begin to recognize them.

R-Controlled Vowels are words with a vowel followed by an r. The r changes the sound that the vowel makes.

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