R-Controlled Vowels

Grade 3 Spelling Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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or er ar ir

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perfect purple artist circle

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purple market morning birthday

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birthday market helmet morning

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