

Unaccented Final Syllable

-er, -ar, -or

- **Words that end with an -er, -ar, or -or usually have an unaccented syllable.**

- **The final -er, -ar, and -or patterns all have the schwa /ə/ sound.**

- **Many words that end with -er, -ar, or -or signify someone or something that does something.**

A biographer writes about the life of another person.

An illustrator draws pictures.

If you don't tell the truth people may think you're a liar.

- **In some words that end with the -ar pattern, the consonant l is attached to the -ar.**

col/lar dol/lar mo/lar
po/lar cel/lar so/lar

- **Vowel patterns for words with final unaccented syllables -er, -ar, and -or**

V/CV: spi/der, mo/tor

VC/V: prop/er, color

VC/CV: ched/dar, stran/ger

VCC/V: broth/er, weath/er

V/V: li/ar