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# ENGLISH PHONETICS

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Lesson 22 /eə/

Listen to the words.

fare    stair    bear

Meet the  
phonetic  
symbol.

/eə/

Produce the sound.

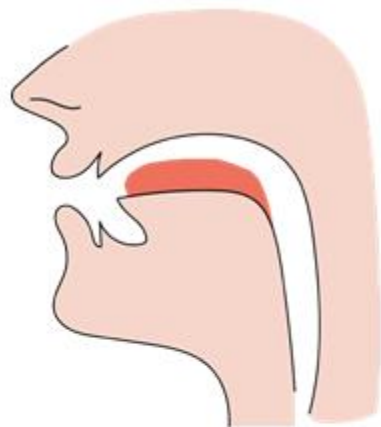
A woman with long brown hair is shown from the chest up, speaking. To her right is a close-up of her mouth, showing her lips and teeth. The background is blue.

**/eə/**

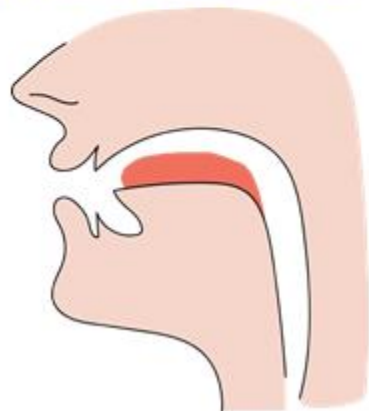
air, fare, dare : [eə]

**Do the  
correct  
mouth  
position.**

Start with the /e/ sound:



Then glide your mouth to make the /ə/ sound:



Listen to the teacher.

## British English!

The sound /eə/ is not common in American English. This is mainly used in British English.



## Words that have the /eə/ sound

tear swear pear

bear wear yeah

ea

## Words that have the /eə/ sound

air

fair

stair

hair

pair

chair

ai



## Words that have the /eə/ sound

care

spare

aware

rare

share

square

are

Listen, repeat, and then read.

/eə/

pair squares

a fair share

a rare pear

where we share



Listen, repeat, and then read.

/eə/

Their parents are fair.

The heir is a millionaire.

I dare you to share your ideas.

He wears a pair of eyeglasses.



Listen and tick (✓) all words with the /eə/ sound.

hair

near

variety

nail

repair

pray

chair

sail

fair

## Listen and choose the odd one out.

1

pray  
prayer  
prayed

2

wear  
where  
weak

3

chair  
shear  
share

4

hear  
ear  
heir

5

fare  
fair  
fear

Listen, read, and encircle the words with the /eə/ sound.

1 the spare key

2 the fresh air

3 share the tea

4 eight long stairs

5 declare the news

6 various reasons

**Listen to the pronunciation trivia.**

## **Silent 'r'**

In British English, notice that they don't pronounce 'r' after the /eə/ sound. This is usually done if the 'r' sound is at the end. Try it!





# TONGUE TWISTER!

Rare bears wear square  
pairs of flair underwear.



**WELL DONE!**

Sound: /eə/

Spelling: ea, ai, are