

Here and there

/ɪə/ and /eə/

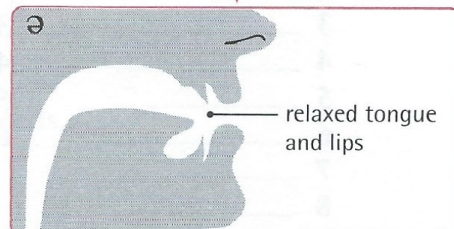
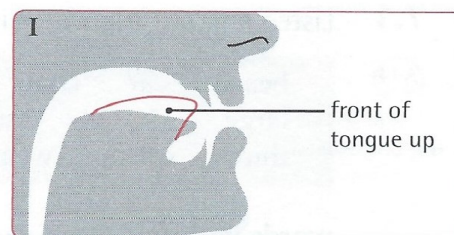
A

How to make the sound /ɪə/

- A48a • /ɪə/ is a long sound. It moves from /ɪ/ to /ə/. Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. Target sound: /ɪə/



Note: When you say the sound /ɪə/ by itself, you say the word *ear*.



B

Sound and spelling

- A48b • /ɪə/ is spelled in different ways. Listen and repeat.
- | | | | | | | |
|-----|------|--------|-------|------|--------|------|
| ea | real | | | | | |
| car | car | beard | clear | hear | nearly | year |
| eer | beer | cheers | | | | |
| ere | here | we're | | | | |

- A48c • Listen and say these sentences.

- 1 We're here!
- 2 Have a beer – cheers!
- 3 Is there a bank near here?
- 4 The meaning isn't really clear.

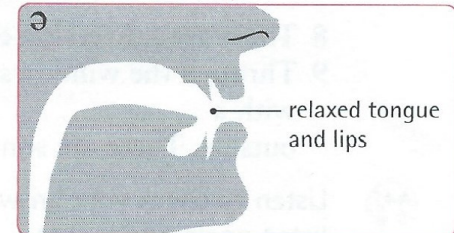
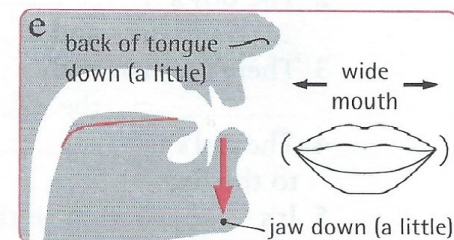
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How to make the sound /eə/

- A49a • /eə/ is a long sound. It moves from /e/ to /ə/. Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. Target sound: /eə/



Note: When you say the sound /eə/ by itself, you say the word *air*.



D

Sound and spelling

- A49b • /eə/ is spelled in different ways. Listen and repeat.
- | | | | | | |
|-----|-----------|--------|------|------|-------|
| are | care | square | | | |
| air | air | chair | fair | hair | stair |
| ear | wear | | | | |
| ere | where | | | | |
| aer | aeroplane | | | | |

- A49c • Listen and say these sentences.

- A: Look at that aeroplane!
 B: Where?
 A: Up there, in the air, of course!



Sometimes you hear an /r/ sound after /ɪə/ or /eə/. Listen.

with /r/	ear	nearly	air	where
without /r/	ear	nearly	air	where

Important
for listening

Exercises

- 8.1** Read this note and find four /ɪə/ words and four /eə/ words.

Dear Mary,
I'm really pleased you can come to the theatre with us tonight.
We've got seats upstairs, near the front. See you there!
Sarah

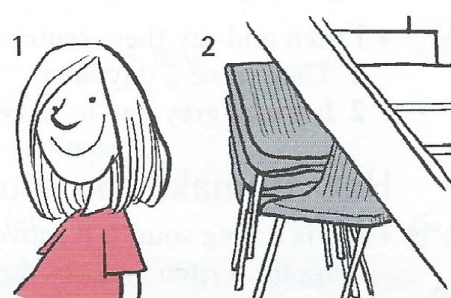
/ɪə/ 1 Dear 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____
 /eə/ 1 Mary 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

A50

Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

- 8.2** Complete these sentences with /ɪə/ and /eə/ words.

- 1 She's got fair h..... .
- 2 The ch..... are under the st..... .
- 3 How many y..... have you lived h..... ?
- 4 There's a man with a b..... sitting in the s..... .
- 5 Speak up! I can't h..... you.
- 6 It's a cl..... day – you can see for miles.



A51

Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

- 8.3** Listen. Can you hear an /r/ sound after the /ɪə/ or /eə/ in the underlined words? Circle the correct answer.

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EXAMPLE

See you next year.

/r/ no /r/

1 See you next year.

/r/ no /r/

2 We're from England – what about you?

/r/ no /r/

3 Bye – take care!

/r/ no /r/

4 Bye – take care!

/r/ no /r/

5 Where shall we meet?

/r/ no /r/

6 Where shall we meet?

/r/ no /r/

Check with the Key.

- 8.4** Listen and repeat these poems.

A53a

I've had these ears
a hundred years.
Well, no, not really
but very, very nearly!



A53b

When nobody's there
I don't care what I wear,
and I sit on the stair
with my feet on a chair.



- 8.5** Listen and circle the word you hear. Check with the Key. If any of these are difficult for you, go to Section E3 *Sound pairs* for further practice.

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- 1 *near* / *knee* (⇒ sound pair 2)
- 2 *bird* / *beard* (⇒ sound pair 20)
- 3 *wear* / *way* (⇒ sound pair 21)