

# Pronunciation

## Minimal Pairs /eə/ /ɑ:/ words like CARE and CAR

### Activity 1

Listen to your teacher saying the words in Column 1 and Column 2 below.

#### Column 1

care  
fair  
stairs  
bear  
tear (verb)

#### Column 2

car  
far  
stars  
bar  
tar

### Activity 2

Listen to your teacher saying one of the words from Activity 1. Say if you think the word is in Column 1 or Column 2.

### Activity 3

Listen to your teacher saying two words from Activity 1. If the words are the same, circle S below. If you think the words are different, circle D below.

1. S D      2. S D      3. S D      4. S D      5. S D  
6. S D      7. S D      8. S D      9. S D      10. S D

### Activity 4

Listen to your teacher reading the sentences below. Circle the word you hear.

1. He doesn't have a care/car.
2. It's not fair/far.
3. There were a lot of stairs/stars.
4. She didn't go near the bear/bar.
5. Please don't tear/tar this one.

### Activity 5

Imagine you are the teacher now! Work with a partner and repeat the activities above. Then swap roles.