

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.