

T A S K 1 Distinguish between /eə/ and /ɪə/

1.1 Listen, and practise the difference.

hair	here, hear	dare	dear, deer
bear	beer	chair	cheer
air	ear	Clare	clear
fair, fare	far	stare	steer
rare	rear	spare	spear
pear	pier	rarely	really

1.2 Listen to the words on the cassette. Write the words you hear.

1.3 Listen to the sentences on the cassette. For each one, write the word you hear.

- 1 They gave her three chairs/cheers.
- 2 The bear/beer was awful.
- 3 The pear/pier is rotten.
- 4 He is rarely/really unhappy.
- 5 The driver of that car is staring/steering at us.

T A S K 2 Say /eə/

2.1 Listen, and practise the conversation. Listen carefully to the intonation.

- A: Excuse me, I'm looking for Miss O'Dare. Do you know where she is?
- B: She's gone to Trafalgar Square.
- A: Do you know where, exactly?
- B: To the Headquarters of the Dairy Council.
- A: Why has she gone there?
- B: She has got a dairy. It's called Mary's Dairy.
- A: I thought she was a hairdresser.
- B: Oh you mean Clare O'Dare. She's upstairs. It's her sister Mary who's gone to Trafalgar Square.

SPELLING

/eə/ there

Common:
ALL air chair
MANY are care ary Mary

Less common:
ear pear

Exceptions:
ere where, there eir their

/ɪə/ near

Common:
ALL eer beer
MANY ere here
MANY ear dear

Less common:
ier fierce eir weird ea idea, real

2.2a Listen, and say these names of shops.

CAREYS FRUIT and VEGETABLES

O'DARES FASHION and SPORTSWEAR

HAIR CARE BY CLARE

BLAIR'S CHAIR REPAIRS

FAIR DEAL GROCERY

FAIRFIELD CAR SPARES

MARY'S DAIRY

2.2b Sarah went shopping. Listen, and say the things she said.

'I'd like some pears.'

'Where's the milk, please?'

'Could I have my hair cut?'

'This chair's broken.'

'Is there any oil?'

'I need a new spare tyre.'

'Oh, I couldn't wear that!'

2.2c Match the things Sarah said with the shops in 2.2a.

e.g. She said 'I'd like some pears' in Carey's Fruit and Vegetables.

T A S K 3 Say /tə/

3a Listen, and read out this letter.

LEARY BEER COMPANY
 'Brewers of real beer for 70 years'
 21 Clearwater Avenue,
 Bere Regis

Mr A. J. Pierce,
 Pierce's Detective Agency,
 14 Steerforth Street,
 Bere Regis

Dear Mr Pierce,

We have a serious problem here at Leary's. Barrels of beer keep disappearing from the cellar. I fear we have a thief here. It is clear to me that your experience would be valuable in solving these mysterious disappearances.

Yours sincerely,

P. G. Leary

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3b Use information from the letter in 3a to complete the conversation below. Practise the conversation.

MR PIERCE: Pierce's Detective Agency. Can I help you?

MR LEARY: Good morning. My name is _____,
from the _____ Company.
I fear we have a _____ problem.

MR PIERCE: Oh dear. What appears to be happening?

MR LEARY: Barrels of _____ are _____ from the
cellar.

MR PIERCE: Has beer ever disappeared before?

MR LEARY: No. The Leary Beer Company has been brewing
_____ for _____
_____, and no beer has ever _____
before this _____. It appears that we have a thief
_____. It is clear that we need someone with your
_____ to solve these _____
_____.

T A S K 4 Say /eə/ and /ɪə/



4a Listen, and practise the conversation.

- A: I've brought my car in for repair.
B: OK, leave it here, and we'll take care of it. What's the trouble?
A: There are various things. Some are serious, some not so serious. The gear box is really bad. It won't go into top gear.
B: Yes, that does sound serious.
A: The steering wheel is stiff. And the radio aerial doesn't work.
B: You may need a new aerial. They wear out quickly.
A: But it's only three years old.
B: You can't get spare parts. So if one part wears out, you have to have a new aerial.
A: I see. And would you repair the spare wheel? The air comes out.



4b Listen and notice the falling intonation of these Wh-questions. Then ask and answer the questions.



Which four things in the car need repairing?

What is the problem with each thing?

Which do you think is most serious?

Which is least serious?