

## tier 3 | phase 2 | unit 11



### words with <ear>

<ear></ear>							
	/ur/	/air/	/ar/				
ear I l y ear n ear th h ear d l ear n	p ear l r e   h ear se r e   s ear ch s ear ch y ear n	b ear p ear s w ear t ear w ear	h <u>ear I k e n</u> <u>h ear t</u> <u>h ear th</u>				

### teaching notes

<ear> is a three-letter spelling that most commonly represents /ear/:

a ppear beard clear dear ear fear gear hear near spear tear year.

This unit draws attention to three alternate pronunciations of <ear>.

The most common of these alternate pronunciations is /ur/ (earn, earth, search) although this still occurs in a small number of words. /air/ (bear, pear, swear) is less common still, occurring in only six words and their derivatives. And /ar/ (hear | ken, heart, hearth) is the rarest, occurring in only three words and their derivatives.

Draw attention to tear. It is a heteronym (a word that has two pronunciations and meanings, but one spelling) and can be pronounced /t//eer/ or /t//air/.

You might sort words into the various pronounciations of <ear> including the three target pronunciations, /ur/, /air/ and /ar/ alongside the more common /eer/. A word sort is included for this purpose. There is no pattern to be found other than that /eer/ is by far the most common pronunciation of <ear>.



# **MAP MATCH**

words	with	<ear></ear>
	words	words with

Match each word to a map.
Say the word clearly in a spelling voice.
Copy the word onto the word map.
Say each sound as you write the spelling.

	bear	early	earth	heard	heart
	learn	pear	search	swear	tear
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3		_	4		_1
5		_	6		
7			8		
9			10	)	



## **WORD SORT**

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(-@	Which sound does <ear> represent in these words?</ear>

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appear	bear	beard	clear	early	earth	heard	heart
learn	pear	rehears	e se	arch	spear	swear	tear

/eer/	/ur/	/air/	/ar/

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the sensible spelling system

<u>ear   j</u> y	<u>ear th</u>	s w ear	<u>s ear ch</u>	<u>t</u> <u>ear</u>	<u>l ear n</u>	<u>h ear d</u>	<u>p</u> <u>ear</u>	<u>h ear t</u>	<u>b ear</u>	snip sound & say spell & say target
early	e a r t h	swear	search	tear	learn	heard	pear	heart	bear	say snip sound & say spell & say target
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