

Exercises for /ɑ:/ and /eə/

1. Moving up, down, left or right, find the words with the /eə/ sounds. Then listen to the MP3 (4a) and practice saying the words.

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| start → | Square | Mouse | Fine | Car | Blue | Sea | Money | There | Bare | → finish |
| | Care | Everywhere | Chair | Scary | Mars | Town | Energy | Mary | Close | |
| | Hat | Part | Mark | Stare | Moon | Face | Share | Fair | Nine | |
| | Under | Present | English | Careful | Downstairs | Pair | Hair | Fishing | Stay | |
| | Phone | Ten | Come | Stars | Sound | Joyful | London | Tissue | Water | |

2. Write the correct number above the words in blue. Does the word contain the sound 1 /ɑ:/ or 2 /eə/? Listen to the MP3 (4b) and write which sound you hear. Underline the part of the word with this sound.

New York is a ¹marvellous city, full of huge buildings. The most famous building is probably the Empire State Building, which rises ²far into the air. There are also many famous restaurants in New York, and it is the scene of hundreds of Hollywood movies. New York is a truly must-visit city.



Wherever you are in New York, there's something to stare at!

3. Listen to the MP3 (4c) and circle which word you hear.

- a) shard shared
- b) card cared
- c) far fair
- d) tar tear
- e) char chair

4. Record yourself saying the words in sections 1 and 3, and the passage in section 2. Listen to your recording again in a few days. Can you clearly hear the two target sounds you studied?

