

New sound: ear

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Lesson 86 of 92 (ages 3-6) / 80 of 86 (age 7+) · Vowel Teams & Tricky Words · Ages 3-7+ · about 10 min

GOAL

Your child can say /ear/ when they see "ear", and hear it in words like hear.

WHY IT MATTERS

"ear" is 3 letters that make ONE sound. Seeing them as one unit stops your child reading the letters separately, and unlocks words like hear, near, fear.

YOU'LL NEED

- The practice sheet for this lesson (worksheet.pdf) and a pencil or crayon.
- The lesson page on a phone or tablet, for the sounds and games.

LESSON FLOW about 10 minutes

1 min

Warm up

Quick flash of the last sounds: write "aw", "oi", "ow" on paper, point, and your child says each sound.

SAY | *"What sound is this? And this one?"*

2 min

Listen

Play /ear/ on the lesson page three times. Your child watches your mouth and copies.

SAY | *"This is /ear/. Watch my mouth: 'ee' then add 'r'."*

2 min

Show how

Show the letters "ear" and the action: Cup hand to ear saying ear-ear-ear. Then tap the words on the lesson page.

SAY | *"When I see ear, I say /ear/. hear: /ear/ hear!"*
"Two letters, one sound. They're best friends: they always stick together."

2 min

Do it together

Sound hunt: find 3 things at home with /ear/. Then do the trace-and-write part of the practice sheet. Read together: hear, near, fear, dear, year, gear.

2 min

Play

Play the games on the lesson page: hear /ear/ and tap its letters, then find where the sound is in a word.

1 min

Wrap up

Ask your child to teach the sound and action to someone else in the family.

SAY | *"Can you show Grandma our new sound?"*

USE WITH THIS LESSON

- **This lesson online (listening + games)**
phonicademy.com/plan/session/sound-ear
- **Printable: Diphthongs Worksheet — R-Patterns (Free PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/diphthongs-worksheet-r-patterns
- **Read: Vowel Teams List (Free PDF): ai, ay, ea, ee, oa, oo**
phonicademy.com/blog/vowel-teams-list
- **The “ear” sound — full page**
phonicademy.com/phonemes/ear
- **Printable: Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/abc-phonics-vowel-sounds-chart
- **Read: 20 Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF) with Examples**
phonicademy.com/blog/vowel-sounds-chart

HEAR IT, FIND IT

Say the sound (not the letter name). Your child points to the letters. Tick first-try answers.

#	SAY / SHOW	CHOICES	ANSWER	
1	Say /ear/	ear, aw, oi	ear	☐
2	Say /aw/	aw, o, ear	aw	☐
3	Say /oi/	oi, ear, aw	oi	☐

WATCH FOR common mix-ups and what to do

- Says the sound too quickly to hear.** -> /ear/ can be stretched: hold it like a long note, earearearear, then let go.
- Reads the letters one by one (e-a-r).** -> Put one finger under both letters at once: "these two make one sound".
- Mixes up /ear/ and /air/.** -> Easy to mix up — "hear" and "hair" only differ in this one sound.

TOO HARD? MAKE IT EASIER

Only do the listening parts today: hear it, say it, find it in pictures. Save the writing for tomorrow.

TOO EASY? MAKE IT HARDER

Read these words and then write two of them from memory: hear, near, fear, dear, year, gear.

HOW DID IT GO?

MY CHILD CAN...

- ☐ Says /ear/ when shown "ear".
- ☐ Hears /ear/ in a word you say (hear).
- ☐ Writes "ear" as one sound unit.

Date: _____

Colour in the stars:



Notes: _____