

Dear Parent,

Your child is learning how vowels, (a, e, i, o, u) can make different sounds. These words use ‘air’, ‘are’ or ‘ear’ to make the sound ‘er’. Please help by practicing these words with your child.

- Point out the ‘air’, ‘are’, ‘ear’ patterns in each group of words. Try to think of other words that follow the same pattern. Some words will sound the same but have different meanings (stair/stare).
- Discuss the meaning of the words and try to think of a sentence containing the word.

Thank you for your help.

| Rule | <i>‘air’ always makes the sound ‘er’</i> | | | |
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| air <i>(list 7:1)</i> | Practice 1 <i>(copy into space)</i> | Practice 2 <i>(copy again)</i> | Practice 3 <i>(fold and hide)</i> | Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i> |
| fair | | | | |
| hair | | | | |
| pair | | | | |
| stair | | | | |
| chair | | | | |

| Rule | <i>‘are’ can make the sound ‘er’</i> | | | |
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| are <i>(list 7:2)</i> | Practice 1 <i>(copy into space)</i> | Practice 2 <i>(copy again)</i> | Practice 3 <i>(fold and hide)</i> | Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i> |
| bare | | | | |
| care | | | | |
| dare | | | | |
| stare | | | | |
| share | | | | |

| Rule | <i>‘ear’ is used in lots of words. It can make the sound ‘er’ but also the sound ‘eer’ (fear)</i> | | | |
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| ear <i>(list 7:3)</i> | Practice 1 <i>(copy into space)</i> | Practice 2 <i>(copy again)</i> | Practice 3 <i>(fold and hide)</i> | Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i> |
| bear | | | | |
| tear | | | | |
| pear | | | | |
| learn | | | | |
| swear | | | | |