

TIP

Sometimes the letters **ear** make the /ir/ sound, as in years and appeared. The letters **ear** can also make the /ur/ sound, as in earnest and earning. Sometimes the /er/ sound can be spelled **are**, as in barely, or **air**, as in stairway.

searching	appeared
millionaire	silverware
compared	stairway
earthenware	carefully
barely	squares
gears	earning
unfairly	unaware
earrings	earnest
research	despair
questionnaire	rehearsal

Words with ear, are, and air

Write the **list words** that contain the sound given. You will write one word twice.

ear spells the /ur/ sound, as in earth

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

air spells the /er/ sound, as in chair

7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

are spells the /er/ sound, as in care

12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____

ear spells the /ir/ sound, as in clear

19. _____
20. _____
21. _____