



Sometimes the letters **ear** make the /ɪr/ sound, as in years and appeared. The letters **ear** can also make the /ʊr/ 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 /ʊr/ 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 /ɪr/ sound, as in clear

19. \_\_\_\_\_ 20. \_\_\_\_\_  
 21. \_\_\_\_\_