

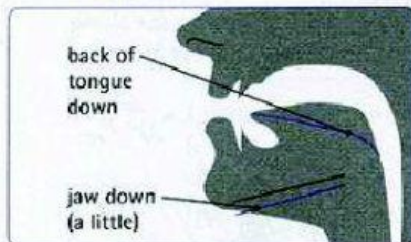
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## Car, care

### The vowel sounds /ɑ:(r)/ and /eə(r)/

In many accents in England, the letter R is not pronounced after a vowel. In other places, the R is pronounced, for example in most parts of North America. But in both cases, the letter R makes the vowel before it sound different. If the vowel is A, we usually get the vowel sounds in *car* /ɑ:(r)/ or *care* /eə(r)/.

- A**
- A62a • Listen to the sound /ɑ:(r)/. Look at the mouth diagram to see how to make this long vowel sound.
  - A62b • Listen to the target sound /ɑ:(r)/ in the words below and compare it with the words on each side.
  - A62c • Then listen and repeat the examples of the target sound.



target /ɑ:(r)/		
fur	far	four
bore	bar	bear
hurt	heart	hate
much	march	match

#### Examples

calm    card    cart  
star    starve    start  
harm    halve    half

"It's hard to park a car in a dark car park."

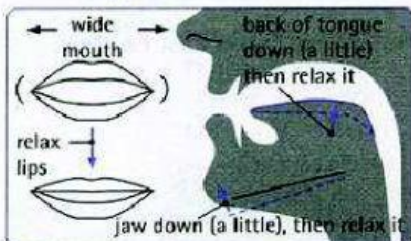
**Note:** Sometimes we get the sound /ɑ:(r)/ before L too.

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Important for listening

- Listen to the sound with R pronounced, as in North America:  
far    bar    heart    march    card    star    start    charm    chart
- In South East England, the letter A followed by S, F, TH, N is often pronounced /ɑ:(r)/:  
ask    fast    after    path    bath    dance    aunt
- In North America, the single letter O is pronounced /ɑ:(r)/: God, strong, lock, top. (See Unit 16.)

- B**
- A64a • Listen to the sound /eə(r)/. Look at the mouth diagram to see how to make this sound.
  - A64b • Listen to the target sound /eə(r)/ in the words below and compare it with the words on each side.
  - A64c • Then listen and repeat the examples of the target sound.



target /eə(r)/		
bar	bear	beer
shy	share	sure
dead	dared	died
stars	stairs	stays

#### Examples

square    squares  
where    where's  
fair    fairly

"Sarah and Mary share their pears fairly."

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Important for listening

Different accents: Listen to the sound with the R pronounced, as in North America:  
bear    share    dared    stairs    square    where    cared    fairly

## C

### Spelling

	frequently	sometimes
/ɑ:(r)/	AR ( <i>car</i> ) AL ( <i>half</i> )	EAR, ( <i>heart</i> ) A ( <i>ask, path, aunt</i> ): South East English accent
/eə(r)/	ARE ( <i>care</i> ), AIR ( <i>fair</i> ) EAR ( <i>bear</i> ), ERE ( <i>where</i> )	