

**AMERICAN  
ACCENT  
COACHING**  
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# ER (ə) TRIPHTHONGS



**SECTION 4 CLASS 6**

**PUT YOUR NEW ER SOUND TOGETHER WITH  
DIFFERENT VOWELS THAT WE'VE COVERED**

## **ER Triphthongs = LONG VOWEL + Unstressed ER**

**Remember, this uses the short er (ə) found in these words:**

after, singer, butter, babysitter, better, matter, cater, fatter, Saturn, pattern, cheater, liter, leader, meter, liar, Peter, reader, sweater, computer, water, monitor, cider, fighter, writer, glitter, proper, player, powder, under, doctor, performed, lawyer, terrific, Taylor, western)

**are = ah-er / ɑə**

**air = ay-er / eɪə / eə**

**ear = ee-er / iə**

**or = oh-er / oə**

**hour = ow-er / aʊə**

**ire = ai-er / aɪə**

ɑə (are): large, part, far, car, Mars, charge, guard

eɪə/eə (air): chair, pair, rare, care, tear, bear, where, there

iə (ear): fear, dear, tear, we're, here, cheers, peer, weird

oə (or): more, chore, door, floor, coarse, horse, tore

aʊə (hour): shower, flower, flour, tower, power, sour

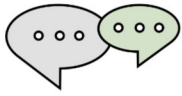
aɪə (ire): hire, higher, fire, iron, tire, entire

## **IN-DEPTH PRACTICE**

**ɑə = are**

**How it's spelled:**

ar: artistic, bar, bartender, barf, bargain, bark, car, card, charge, dark, darling, far, garden, garlic, harmony, harmless, hard, jar, marshmallows, narcissistic, apartment, pardon, part, party, parking, parmesan, sarcastic, target, tart, tardy, varnish, yard



### **æ spelling exceptions:**

uar: guard

ear: heart, hearty

er: sergeant

### **Common American names with ARE:**

Arnold, Marvin, Martin, Mark, Carl, Carly, Charles, Barbara

### **Practice Sentences:**

I parked Carly's car in the apartment parking lot.

I pæ-ked Cæ-ly's cæ in the apæ-tment pæ-king lot.

Martin is the body guard for anyone targeting Arnold.

Mæ-tin is the body gæ-d for anyone tæ-geting æ-nold.

Barbara's been tardy every day so far.

Bæ-bara's been tæ-dy every day so fæ.

Mark is a narcissistic artist, but otherwise harmless.

Mæ-k is a næ-cissistic æ-tist, but otherwise hæ-mless.

Do they charge for parking at Target?

Do they chæ-ge for pæ-king at Tæ-get?

This is far and away the most marvelous yard for a party.

This is fæ and away the most mæ-velous yæ-d for a pæ-ty.



**eə = air**

**How it's spelled:**

air: chair, pair, repair, fair, fairly, hair

are: rare, fare, dare, mare, pare, glare, barely, stare, share, warehouse

ear: bear, tear, pear, swear,

er: where, there, very, Derek

ar: character, marathon, wary

**Common American names with AIR:**

Jared, Derek, Larry, Jerry, Harry, Farah, Mary, Sarah, Terrence, Daryl

**Sentences:**

Sarah and Gary barely shared any of the rare pear with me.

Seərah and Geəry beəly sheəd any of the reə peə with me.

Be careful of bears if you dare go camping there.

Be ceəful of beəs if you deə go camping theə.

Mary barely made it to the end of the marathon.

Meəy beəly made it to the end of the meəathon.

Daryl rarely makes very fair decisions.

Deəyl reəly makes veəy feə decisions.

Where would I wear this rare dress?

Wheə would I weə this reə dress?

Be careful with that antique chair; it may tear.

Be ceəful with that antique cheə; it may teə.



**iə = ear**

**How it's spelled:**

ear: fear, dear, tear, rear, beard, hear, nearly, seared, year

ere: here, we're, adhere

eer: cheers, peer, beer, jeer, queer, veer, sheer

eir/ier: weird, pier, tier

**Sentences:**

The weird man spilled beer in his beard.

The wiəd man spilled biə in his biəd.

Oh dear, your fears are fairly weird.

Oh diə, your fiəs are fairly wiəd.

I peered into my rearview mirror when we got here.

I piəd into my riəview miərɔr when we got hiə.

I'll have a seared steak made of deer meat.

I'll have a siəd steak made of diə meat.

It's been a weird year here.

It's been a wiəd yiə hiə.

Tell Kiersten we're nearly to Navy Pier.

Tell Kiəsten we're niəly to Navy Piə.



**oə = or**

### **How it's spelled:**

ore: more, chore, horse, tore, shore, core, adore, bored, forehead, swore, wore, before

oor: door, floor, poor

oar: coarse, hoarse, roar, soar

or: portrait, form, forward, lord, corn, dork, fork, horn, horror, north, order, orchid, short, story, torn

our: your, four, mourn, pour

### **Spelling exceptions:**

ar: war

### **Common American names with OR:**

George, Jordan, Laura, Norah, Tori

### **Sentences:**

Jordan makes horror films in New York.

Joə-dan makes hoə-ror films in New Yoə-k.

George wore his war uniform for the portrait.

Goə-ge woə his woə-unifoə-m foə the poə-trait.

One of the chores is to put the forks in order in the drawer.

One of the choəs is to put the foə-ks in oə-der in the droə.

That poor bird tore his wing soaring in the north wind.

That poə bird toə his wing soə-ing in the noə-th wind.





I learned fourteen chords on the guitar.  
I learned foə-teen choə-ds on the guitar.

I swore I saw the lion roar four times!  
I swoə I saw the lion roə foə times!

**aʊə = hour**

**How it's spelled:**

ower: shower, flower, tower, power, powder  
our: flour, sour, hour

**Sentences:**

The powerful king lives in the top of the tower.  
The paʊə-ful king lives in the top of the taʊə.

After I showered, I smelled less sour and more like a flower.  
After I shaʊəd, I smelled less saʊə and more like a flaʊə.

**aɪə = ire**

**How it's spelled:**

ire: hire, fire, tire, entire, retire, Ireland  
igher: higher  
ir: iron (i-yearn)  
iar: liar, briar  
yer: flyer



### **aiə Sentences:**

I ironed the entire collection of retired shirts.

I aiəned the entaiə collection of retaiəd shirts.

My tired boss hired and fired me in one day.

My taiəd boss haiəd and faiəd me in one day.

### **Practice these sounds together!**

hard, hair, hear, horn, her, hour, hire

Here, her hair is hard to comb.

I heard the course is hard.

part, pair, peer, pore, per, power

This is part of my peer review project.

Please pour me a powerful drink.

bar, bear, beer, bored, birth, bower

I was bored and had a beer at the bar. It was cold—brrr!

The girl was bored at the airport.

car, care, Kiersten, core, curse, cower

Caring Kiersten gave a courtesy (KER-dessy) call to the car owner.

Charlie cares to the core of his being.

dark, dare, dear, door, dirt, dower, dire

I dare you to walk out the door through the dirt in the dark.

My dear darling fixed the dire situation of the broken door.