

How to pronounce the *EA* in British English ?


The *EA* in English has six main pronunciations :


EA	[i:] as in sea	[e] as in bread	[ei] as in break / great
EAR	[iə] as in beard	[eə] as in bear	[3:] as in heard


Now, let's practise !


We are going to work in pairs. Student A and student B listen to 2 different texts. Then student A reads the text that student B has listen to and Student B gives pronunciation feedback. When it is finished, they swap over.

Voici le texte que vous devez écouter et que votre partenaire va lire. Il faudra corriger sa prononciation

 I have a good health **[e]** in general, and I'm a real **[iə]** sportsperson.

 I never run out of breath **[e]** when I leap **[i:]** over an obstacle.

 And I like to sweat **[e]** because cleanliness **[e]** (la propreté) is not very important for me.

 I don't dread **[e]** combat sports. I don't mind tearing (déchirer) **[e]** my sportsgear **[iə]** or breaking **[ei]** my leg.

Voici le texte que vous allez lire à votre partenaire, qui corrigera votre prononciation.

I like drama. Last month I read a play about the realm of Richard the Third.

That great man was a threatening creature.

He was an unpleasant, mean and treacherous character.

I swear I dreamt of him.