

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 like drama. Last month I read **[e]** a play about the realm **[e]** of Richard the Third.

 That great **[ei]** man was a threatening **[e]** creature **[i:]**.

 He was an unpleasant **[e]**, mean **[i:]** and treacherous **[e]** character.

 I swear **[e]** I dreamt **[e]** of him.

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

I have a good health in general, and I'm a real sportsperson.

I never run out of breath when I leap over an obstacle.

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

I don't dread combat sports. I don't mind tearing (déchirer) my sportsgear or breaking my leg.