

### **Lesson 14: BAR/BARE The vowel sounds /ɑ:(r)/ and /eə(r)/**

#### **A) The vowel sound /ɑ:(r)/**

For this sound, the back of the tongue is down and the jaw is also a little down.

Examples: far, heart, March, card, half

Parking a car in a dark car park is hard.

#### **B) The vowel sound /eə(r)/**

For this sound, the back of the tongue is down a little and the jaw is down a little too, the mouth is wide. Then you relax the tongue and the jaw a little

Examples: bear, square, fair, where, mare

Fair Mary never stares at the bear on the stairs.

#### Exercise 1: Write the words that answer to the following definitions.

##### Words with the sound /ɑ:(r)/

- 1) a place where people go for drinks= **bar**
- 2) a synonym for "distant"= **far**
- 3) they twinkle in the sky at night= **stars**
- 4) burnt to a crisp= **charred**
- 5) a synonym for the verb "begin"= **start**

##### Words with the sound /eə(r)/

- 6) a synonym for seldom= **rarely**
- 7) a synonym for honest or blonde=**fair**
- 8) a synonym for naked=**bare**
- 9) what grows on someone's head= **hair**
- 10) the animal that races the tortoise in a Jean de la Fontaine's fable= **hare**

#### Exercise 2: Dictation: Complete with what you hear

- a) Be **careful** of the **stairs**!
- b) Is that a **spare chair**?
- c) I bought a **pair** of shoes in the market **square**.