

## Spelling list: *ar* words: a starter list

Click on the speaker at the beginning of some of these words. Can you hear the /ar/ vowel sound? Let's learn how to spell it!

In English spelling, the /ar/ vowel sound is frequently represented using the letters *ar* and this spelling pattern can fall at the beginning, in the middle, or at end of a word. Some examples are: *army* , *farm* , and *star* .

As you work through this word list, see if you can spot where the /ar/ vowel sound falls in each word. Try out the different spelling activities and games until you feel confident.

Later on, you will discover other ways of spelling the *ar* vowel sound and some rulebreakers which use the letters *ar* to spell different sounds.

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| far   | We ate <b>far</b> too much last night.                |
| jar   | The coffee <b>jar</b> is empty.                       |
| scar  | The injury left a <b>scar</b> .                       |
| star  | Jo is the <b>star</b> of the new TV comedy show.      |
| hard  | English spelling is very <b>hard</b> .                |
| yard  | Leave your bike in the <b>yard</b> .                  |
| bark  | The <b>bark</b> is coming off this tree.              |
| dark  | My son is afraid of the <b>dark</b> .                 |
| harm  | Too much sun can <b>harm</b> your skin.               |
| charm | Her friendly manner will <b>charm</b> you.            |
| harp  | A <b>harp</b> is a large stringed musical instrument. |
| sharp | That knife looks very <b>sharp</b> .                  |
| part  | The president took <b>part</b> in a TV debate.        |
| start | The film starts at 8 pm.                              |
| carve | I'll ask Dad to <b>carve</b> the beef.                |

starve                    The refugees will **starve** if we don't send food.

arch                     The tourists stood beneath the **arch** .

march                   In the army they learn to **march** .

large                    Sam comes from a very **large** family.

barge                    He lived in a **barge** on the canal.