

## An Early Search in the Earth

Early one day, Mike and Ned had the idea to go on an adventure.



They heard of a great area where there was real treasure, next to a tree on the beach.



Was the treasure gold and silver? Maybe jewels?



Was it in the earth?

Mike and Ned rode their bikes to the beach they had heard about. They went to search. It was great weather!



As they moved closer, Ned heard a noise.

"Wait, Mike," he said. "Do you hear that? Animal noises!"



I learned that there are bears and deer in this area."

The boys feared bears.



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\*To know which sound of "ea" is in the words in the story, use highlighter markers to mark the words in the story that have "ea" according to the groups listed in Sorting the sounds of ea and ear, below.

Suddenly they began to grin.  
The noise led to a treasure  
box.

It was under a tree, not in  
the earth but on the beach.



"Are we going to be rich?"



But the treasure box was  
locked!



"We have to break it," said  
Mike.

So they did.

In the box was a great  
surprise.



There were real animals in  
the treasure box:

a kitten,

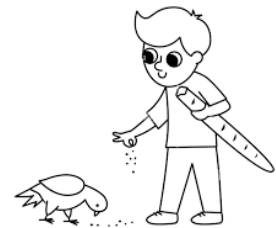
a small bird,



and a real puppy.





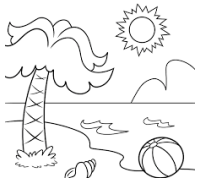

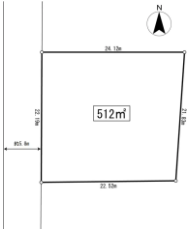
They all cried for food and  
water.


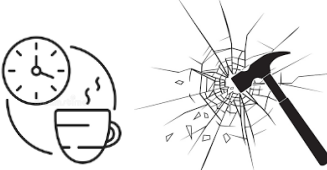



Mike and Ned gave them some  
bread and water



and set them free.

**Word List**

1.		early	
2.		earth	
3.		hear	
4.		heard	
5.		beach	
6.		idea	
7.		area	

8.		great	
9.		break	
10.		bear	
11.		treasure	
12.		bread	

Sorting the sounds of ea and ear

<p><u>ear: sounds like (er)</u></p> <p>heard learn early search earth Earth</p>	<p><u>ea and ear -(sounds like long e (ē))</u></p> <p>easy leave please real beach peach read* (present tense)</p>
<p><u>ea (sounds like short e (ĕ))</u></p> <p>head bread read* (past tense) measure treasure feather weather</p>	<p>near hear year fear clear tear*</p>
<p>v/v ea has two vowel sounds:</p> <p>(ē) + schwa ə</p> <p>idea</p> <p>area</p>	<p><u>ea or ear: sounds like long a (ā)</u></p> <p>great break</p> <p>bear tear* wear</p>
<p><u>Exception - ear sounds like (ar)</u></p> <p>heart</p>	<p>*These words can be read two different ways:</p> <p>read - (rĕd) past tense, and read - (rēd) present tense</p> <p>tear - (tēr) that rolls down your cheek when you cry and tear - (tār) to rip</p>

## Sounds of ea and ear

Read each word and determine the sound that the vowel team 'ea' makes in each word. (You might need to look at the groups above.) Write down the word in the group it belongs to in the boxes below.

### Word Bank - Words from the Story

early    earth    hear    heard    beach    real    idea    area    fear  
 great    break    bear    treasure    bread    search    learn    weather

<p>ea: sounds like long a (ā)</p>	<p>ear: sounds like (er)</p>	<p>v/v ea has two vowel sounds: (ē) + schwa a</p>
<p>1. _____                  2. _____                  3. _____</p>	<p>1. _____                  2. _____                  3. _____                  4. _____                  5. _____</p>	<p>1. _____                  2. _____</p>
<p>ea (sounds like long e (ē))</p>	<p>ea (sounds like short e (ě))</p>	
<p>1. ____beach____                  2. _____                  3. _____                  4. _____</p>	<p>1. _____                  2. _____                  3. _____</p>	