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n.

Any of various mammals of the family Leporidae, especially of the genus *Lepus*, similar to rabbits but having longer ears and legs and giving birth to active, furred young.

intr.v. hared, har-ing, hares

To move hurriedly, as if hunting a swift quarry.

[Middle English, from Old English *hara*; see **kas-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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