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/ɪ/ and /i:/ are both phonetic sounds in English. They are both **vowels** too.

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		Phonemic Chart					
Vowels		i: sheep eagle field	ɪ ship busy started	ʊ good put should	u: moon grew through	ɪə ear here career	eɪ train say plane
		e bed dead said	ə about police the	ɜ: bird hurt work	ɔ: door walk saw	ʊə your sure tourist	ɔɪ boy point oil
		æ apple cat mat	ʌ up money cut	ɑ: car bath safari	ɒ not what because	eə hair careful there	aɪ by high fine
Consonants		p pen hopping jump	b ball hobby herb	t table little watched	d dog added played	tʃ chips itch picture	dʒ jam danger fudge
		f fire laugh phone	v video move of	θ thick healthy teeth	ð mother this with	s see city notice	z zebra cosy has
		m man tummy lamb	n no funny knife	ŋ sing uncle angry	j yes onion view	l light smelly feel	r right berry wrong
		w win where one	h house hungry who				

The 44 phonemes of Standard British English with examples of common spellings.

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# Why are /ɪ/ and /i:/ Important?

They are very similar sounds but there is a tiny difference in the **position of the back of the tongue** when we say these sounds.

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Watch our video on the following page to learn how to say these sounds correctly.