



TO PRONOUNCE /**I**/  
AND /Iː/  
CORRECTLY



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

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

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## /ɪ/ and /i:/

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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<https://virtually-fluent.com/topic/i-and-i-mouth-position/>

# Practice 1



# sheep



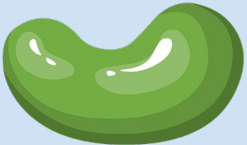
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# ship



2

# bean



# bin





feet



3



fit



green

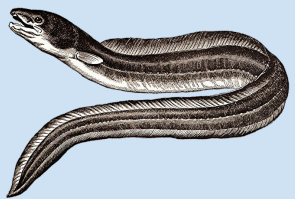


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grin





eel



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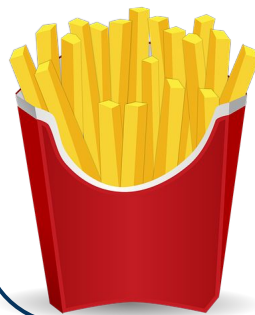
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cheap



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chip



# beach



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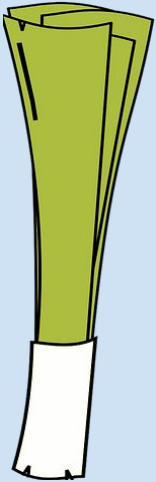
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# bitch



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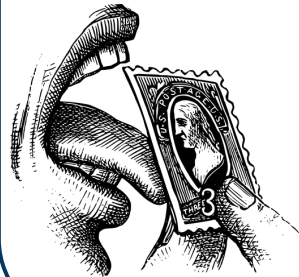
# leek



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# lick



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eat



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it



cheek



10



chick



# Practice 2



# /ɪ/ and /i:/

- 1) Bit - beat
- 2) Did - deed
- 3) Dip - deep
- 4) Fill - feel
- 5) Hill - he'll
- 6) His he's
- 7) Hit - heat
- 8) Is - ease
- 9) Itch - each
- 10) Kip - keep

# /ɪ/ and /i:/'

- 1) Knit - neat
- 2) Lip - leap
- 3) Mill - meal
- 4) Mitt - meat
- 5) Pick - peak
- 6) Pitch - peach
- 7) Sin- seen
- 8) Sit - seat
- 9) Slip - sleep
- 10) Still - steal

# Practice 3



# /ɪ/ and /i:/

- 1) Don't put the green beans in the bin!
- 2) I bought these chips, they were very cheap.
- 3) Do not sit in that seat! It has wet paint.
- 4) I live in Spain but we will leave for France next month.
- 5) When I see the colour green it makes me grin.
- 6) I was so ill because I was stung by an electric eel.
- 7) My large feet don't fit in these shoes.
- 8) Look at this book and these pencils.
- 9) I was chopping some leeks in the kitchen and my cat started licking my leg!
- 10)       A:     Eat your chicken  
              B:     I don't like it!

# /ɪ/ and /i:/

- 1) Look at all those sheep on the ship! How strange!
- 2) I was bitten by a snake when I was running so I was beaten in the race.
- 3) I was at the beach when this bitch started shouting at me.
- 4) We were playing hide and seek and I suddenly felt sick.
- 5) I was about to leap across the roof when I bit my lip.
- 6) When I have my afternoon kip, I keep my phone on silent.
- 7) The heat was unbearable and to make things worse, my sister hit me.
- 8) She slipped and hurt her leg so we told her to go and get some sleep.
- 9) He's so annoying! His voice just annoys me.
- 10) I don't think he'll get up that hill.

# Practice 4



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- 1) The school fees are very expensive.
- 2) Look at that heap of clothes over there!
- 3) Can you please peel the potatoes?
- 4) Look at all this food. We'll have a feast tonight!
- 5) Do not cheat in your exam.
- 6) There are so many beads on this necklace.
- 7) I think I've broken my hip.
- 8) I'll just take a sip of the wine, thank you.
- 9) Listen to that clock tick, isn't it annoying!
- 10) Why do you always tease your sister?
- 11) I think I'll have a gin and tonic.
- 12) We have a leak in the roof.
- 13) I found the missing piece from the jigsaw puzzle.
- 14) Don't throw things onto the football pitch.
- 15) Shall we play hide and seek?



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# REVIEW



## Course