



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



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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 the 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
		k key car luck	g green hug league	f fire laugh phone	v video move of	θ thick healthy teeth	ð mother this with
		s see city notice	z zebra cosy has	ʃ shop nation special	ʒ television visual leisure	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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/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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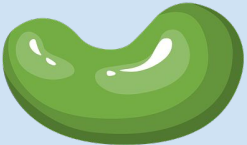
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ship



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bean



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bin



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feet



3



fit



green

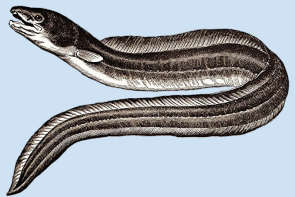


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grin





eel



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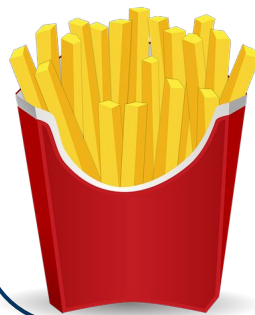
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cheap



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chip



beach



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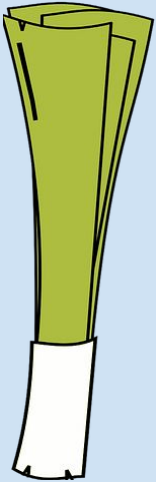
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bitch



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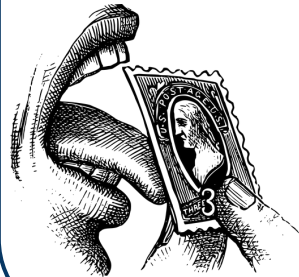
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lick



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eat



9



it



cheek



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chick



Practice 2



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- 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

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- 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



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- 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!

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- 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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