

Unit 4: /i/ /ɪ/

seen sin /sin/ /sɪn/

How to make the sounds

To make the /i/ sound, raise the middle of your tongue high in your mouth and tense your muscles into a smile. Make a voiced sound. For /ɪ/, relax your muscles but keep your tongue in the same position.

Exercise One: Word Repetition

Listen to the following words from the tape and repeat.

Pete	heat	lip	kipper
leak	cheap	miss	gin
scene	ether	chip	grin
believe	seen	live	pill
leave	breathe	bin	quiz

Exercise Two: Minimal Pairs

Listen to the following word pairs from your tape. Repeat them, being careful to make the distinction between the two sounds.

pit	Pete	bitch	beach
living	leaving	gin	Jean
bid	bead	pick	peak
mid	mead	lick	leak
live	leave	grin	green

Exercise Three: Phrases with /i/ /ɪ/

Listen to your tape. You will hear phrases of words that either contain the sound /i/ or /ɪ/. As you listen to each phrase, write i on the line if you hear /i/, or I on the line if you hear /ɪ/.

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ | 9. _____ |

Exercise Four: Minimal Pair Distinction

Part One: Listen to your tape. You will hear the sentences below, but only one of the *italicized* words will be spoken. Circle the word which you hear.

1. John and Sarah were *living/leaving* happily.
2. Sally took the *bins/beans* to the warehouse.
3. The orchard workers *picked/peeked* most of the day.
4. The team needed *Jean/gin* to win the game.

Part Two

Listen for the missing words and write them in the spaces provided.

5. The farmer had only one _____.
6. He had to _____ the chickens.
7. The baseball player _____ the ball before the game.
8. Tim had to have a _____ when he saw the ice cream.

Exercise Five: Dictation

Listen to the sentences and write them on the lines below.

1. _____ Slim's _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____ gin. _____

Exercise Six: Questions for Answers Given

In this section, you will hear 5 answers. You will not hear the questions. Listen carefully to the answer, and then record the question in the space provided on your tape by using your drill/record button.

Example: _____? I'm fine, thanks.
(you record "How are you?" onto your tape BEFORE the answer.)

1. Does...
2. Will Bill's...
3. Did...
4. Were you...
5. Has...