





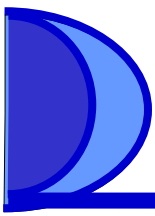


# I vs i: Sound Comparison

- There are 2 clear difference between the vowel sounds /ɪ/ and /i:/.
  1. The **position of the mouth** (see chart below).
  2. /i:/ is normally (though not always) longer than /ɪ/.
- /i:/ is **spelt with two vowels** < ee / ei / ea > in written English.
- /ɪ/ is **spelt as < i >** in written English (except when weak).

	Tongue	Jaw	Lips
I	centre/front 	mid-close 	relaxed 
i:	front 	close 	spread 



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## Exercise 1

Write all the words with /ɪ/ in the first row and all the words with /i:/ in the second row.

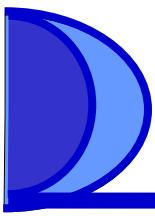
\*\*sit, feet, leak, fit, ship, lead, seen, bin, lick, heat, sin, lid, sheep, seat, bean, hit

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ɪ								
i:								

## Exercise 2

Using the consonant sounds in the left column, create two words, with /ɪ/ & /i:/.

	Consonants	ɪ	i:
1	d__d	did	deed
2	tʃ__p		
3	r__d		
4	f__st		
5	__tʃ		
6	gr__n		
7	tʃ__k		
8	l__v		
9	p__k		
10	s__k		



## Exercise 3

Using words from the previous exercise, fill in the gaps.

- a) I'm having fish and \_\_\_\_\_s for dinner, do you want some?

b) £200 for that rusty old thing? Well, it's not \_\_\_\_\_, is it?
- a) When I told her, she went \_\_\_\_\_ with envy.

b) Stop \_\_\_\_\_ ning! It's not funny.
- a) Give them £50 \_\_\_\_\_ and tell them to leave.

b) If it's a mosquito bite it will \_\_\_\_\_, but don't scratch, it'll make it worse.
- a) It's over, David. I just want you to \_\_\_\_\_ .

b) Where does your boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_, nearby?
- a) I've got them in red, green and yellow, so take your \_\_\_\_\_ .

b) The highest \_\_\_\_\_ in the UK is Ben Nevis at 1344 metres.
- a) Can you get \_\_\_\_\_ of this bag of rubbish for me?

b) Can't you \_\_\_\_\_? It says 'don't walk on the grass!'

## Exercise 4

Underline the words with **/ɪ/** sound and encircle the words with **/i:/** sound.

- The ship is filled with cheap sheets and chipped teacups.
- Tim needs the team to leave him near the street he lives on.
- Will you wheel my meal to the mill for me?
- Beatrice beat Bill when he bit his sister.
- Phil and Neal still think they need to seal the deal to build the bridge in Hillsville.