

Vowel #1 /i:/ - Practice

Ex.1. Listen to the the teacher's pronunciation and repeat:

eat / heat / even / machine / east / seat / phoenix / each / clean / secret / eel / neat / Caesar / eve / keep / eager / relief / people / thief / immediate alleviate / police / receive / compete

Ex. 2. Listen to the teacher's pronunciation and the practise saying these sentences out loud with your partner:

1. These trees have been beaten by the breeze.
2. Please bring me some tea and cheese from the canteen.
3. She is reading a piece from her book this evening.
4. The sheep he keeps graze in the fields.
5. Do you feed these animals with meat?
6. We need cheap wheat to feed the people.
7. Jean is keen on meeting the dean.

Vowel #2 /ɪ/ - Practice.

Ex.1. Listen to the the teacher's pronunciation and repeat:

ill / film / city / hit / chilly / issue / it / lip / pretty / itch / lift / busy / pill / village / lettuce / milk / minute / vivacity / is / rich / women / wish / image

Ex. 2. Listen to the teacher's pronunciation and the practise saying these sentences out loud with your partner:

1. His sister is ill.
2. The fisherman's ship was hit by the wind.
3. He lives in the mill on the hill.
4. Give her a pill if she's sick.
5. She is holding some pins between her lips.

6. The smith was drinking in the village inn.

7. She filled my dish with fish.

Vowel contrast /i:/ & /ɪ/

Ex.1. Transcribe these words and practise saying them out loud.

- ceiling
- pleasing
- eating
- reading
- fifteen
- meeting
- ticket
- seeing
- sheepish
- being
- Fielding
- thesis
- vehicle
- seasick
- steamship

Ex.2. Listen to the teacher's pronunciation and repeat:

1. Sin is sin whether it be seen or not.

2. To see and listen to the wicked is already the beginning of wickedness.

3. I see what you mean, but it sounds silly to me.

4. We intend to spend three weeks in Essex.

5. Henry will send the fee without delay.

6. Sleep is better than medicine.

7. He enjoyed taking pretty Edith out to dinner.

Word contrasts with /ɪ/ and /i:/.

Ex. 1 Listen to the audio and circle the word you hear:

- weep / whip
- feel / fill
- ease / is
- wheat / wit
- steal / still
- leap / lip
- seat / sit
- heal / hill
- leave / live
- meal / mill
- been / bin
- sleep / slip
- sheep / ship
- peach / pitch
- cheap / chip
- seen / sin
- bead / bid
- seek / sick

Ex.2 Listen to the audio and tick the sentence you hear:

1.
 - a. Didn't you hear the sound of whipping?
 - b. Didn't you hear the sound of weeping?
2.
 - a. The people in that house haven't any wit.
 - b. The people in that house haven't any wheat.
3.
 - a. I hope he'll catch the ship.
 - b. I hope he'll catch the sheep.
4.
 - a. You can't sleep on the floor.
 - b. You can't slip on the floor.

5.

a. Boys don't like to be beaten by the girls.

b. Boys don't like to be bitten by the girls.

6.

a. That's a very high heel.

b. That's a very high hill.

7.

a. The farmer couldn't buy a meal anywhere.

b. The farmer couldn't buy a mill anywhere.

8.

a. Oh dear! I can't feel the bath.

b. Oh dear! I can't fill the bath.