

## Lesson 2: /i/ as in me, tea and bee and /I/ as in it and pin

### CHECK YOURSELF

 Listen and repeat. Circle the word in each group that does NOT contain the vowel [i]. (For answers, see Appendix II, page 271.)

|         |        |       |         |          |
|---------|--------|-------|---------|----------|
| EXAMPLE | keep   | lean  | fit     | piece    |
| 1.      | bead   | great | leave   | tea      |
| 2.      | eight  | piece | believe | niece    |
| 3.      | scene  | women | these   | even     |
| 4.      | need   | been  | sleep   | thirteen |
| 5.      | police | thief | machine | vision   |
| 6.      | pretty | wheat | sweet   | cream    |
| 7.      | people | bread | deal    | east     |
| 8.      | tin    | teen  | steam   | receive  |
| 9.      | leave  | live  | leaf    | lease    |

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 Listen to the words. Circle the number of the word with the vowel [i]. (For answers, see Appendix II, page 271.)

|         |            |      |      |      |
|---------|------------|------|------|------|
| EXAMPLE | You hear   | mitt | meat | meat |
|         | You circle | ①    | 2    | 3    |
| 1.      | 1          | 2    | 3    |      |
| 2.      | 1          | 2    | 3    |      |
| 3.      | 1          | 2    | 3    |      |
| 4.      | 1          | 2    | 3    |      |
| 5.      | 1          | 2    | 3    |      |
| 6.      | 1          | 2    | 3    |      |
| 7.      | 1          | 2    | 3    |      |
| 8.      | 1          | 2    | 3    |      |
| 9.      | 1          | 2    | 3    |      |
| 10.     | 1          | 2    | 3    |      |

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**Listen. Circle the word that is used to complete each sentence.**

**EXAMPLE** You need a new (wheel/will).

1. They cleaned the (ship/sheep).
2. Will he (leave/live)?
3. The boy was (beaten/bitten).
4. His clothes are (neat/knit).
5. She has plump (cheeks/chicks).
6. I like low (heels/hills).
7. The children will (sleep/slip).
8. I heard every (beat/bit).
9. They stored the (beans/bins).
10. Everyone talks about the (heat/hit).

## CHECK YOURSELF 3



**Listen and circle all the words pronounced with [i]. Underline all the words with [ɪ].**

**Jim:** Hi, (Tina) Do you have a minute?

**Tina:** Yes, Jim. What is it?

**Jim:** My sister is in the city on business. We will eat dinner out tonight. Can you recommend a place to eat?

**Tina:** There is a fine seafood place on Fifth Street. The fish is fresh, and the shrimp is great. But it isn't cheap!

**Jim:** That's OK. It will be "feast today, famine tomorrow"! I'll just have to eat beans the rest of the week!