

## Practice

### EXERCISE A

 Listen and repeat.

#### [ɪ] At the Beginning of Words

|         |      |       |
|---------|------|-------|
| is      | if   | it    |
| ill     | itch | into  |
| ink     | inch | issue |
| instant |      |       |

#### [ɪ] In the Middle of Words

|        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| pin    | lift   | give   |
| miss   | simple | winter |
| listen | timid  | minute |
| little |        |        |

The vowel [ɪ] does not occur at the end of words in English.

#### [ɪ] Spelled

|        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| y      | ui     | i      |
| gym    | build  | sin    |
| syrup  | quick  | lips   |
| symbol | quilt  | with   |
| system | guilty | gift   |
| rhythm | guitar | differ |

### note

The most common spelling pattern for [ɪ] is the letter *i* followed by a final consonant.

win    this    hit    trip    begin

Less frequent spelling patterns for [ɪ] consist of the letters *o*, *e*, *u*, and *ee*.

women    pretty    busy    been

### EXERCISE B

 Listen and repeat. The boldfaced words in the following sentences all contain the vowel [ɪ].

1. **This** is it.
2. What is **this**?
3. **This** is my sister.
4. **This** is Miss Smith.
5. **This** is big business.
6. I will sit in a minute.
7. Give the list to Lynn.
8. My little sister is timid.
9. Is the building finished?
10. Did you give him his gift?