

# [ɛ] and [eɪ]

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Listen and repeat each word. Select the word in each line that is **NOT pronounced with [ɛ]**.

Example: Mexico   America   **Egypt**   Texas

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| 1. Any      | crazy    | anywhere  | many      |
| 2. Paper    | letter   | send      | pencil    |
| 3. Seven    | eleven   | eight     | twenty    |
| 4. Health   | wreath   | breath    | wealth    |
| 5. Reading  | ready    | already   | head      |
| 6. Present  | precious | previous  | president |
| 7. November | February | September | April     |
| 8. Guess    | guest    | cruel     | question  |
| 9. Thread   | threat   | fresh     | theater   |
| 10. Mean    | meant    | mental    | met       |

**INSTRUCTIONS.** Practice the following minimal pairs with the sounds [ɛ] and [eɪ]. Check the meaning of unknown words

| [ɛ]      | [eɪ]        |
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| Said     | Say         |
| Met      | mate        |
| Bet      | Bait        |
| Fed      | fade        |
| Less     | lace        |
| Pen      | pain/pa     |
| Let      | Late        |
| Wet      | wait/weight |
| Get      | gate/gait   |
| Red/read | Raid        |
| Wed      | Wade        |

**INSTRUCTIONS.** Listen to the sentences. Some words that should be pronounced with [ɛ] will be said incorrectly. Select **C** for the correct or **I** for the incorrect word. Then, type the actual word you hear.

Examples: you hear: Who **fed** the fish? You select **C** I

You hear: I got **wait** in the rain You select C **I (incorrect)**

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| 1. C | I   | He was tired and went to _____   |
| 2. C | I   | She is my _____ friend.          |
| 3. C | I   | The opposite of East is _____    |
| 4. C | I   | My _____ has no ink.             |
| 5. C | I   | Please _____ the letter.         |
| 6. C | I   | Did you _____ your car?          |
| 7. C | I   | My favorite color is _____       |
| 8. C | I   | Put salt and _____ on the salad. |
| 9. C | I   | Can you _____ the right answers? |
| 10.  | C I | This is the _____ of the test.   |