



SHORT /ɪ/ vs LONG /i:/ SOUNDS

Pronunciation Worksheet | A1-A2

Learn to hear and pronounce the difference between /ɪ/ and /i:/.

SOUND

The /ɪ/ sound is short. The /i:/ sound is longer.

Compare: ship / sheep • sit / seat • fill / feel

To hear the difference between the two sounds, watch the lesson at the bottom of the page.

1. Choose the correct sound.

1) ship /ɪ/ / i:/

3) sit /ɪ/ / i:/

5) fill /ɪ/ / i:/

7) live /ɪ/ / i:/

2) sheep /ɪ/ / i:/

4) seat /ɪ/ / i:/

6) feel /ɪ/ / i:/

8) leave /ɪ/ / i:/

2. Put the words in the correct group.

fish • green • feet • chip • tree • fit • cheap • little

/ɪ/: _____

/i:/: _____

3. Complete the minimal pairs.

1) ship → _____

3) fill → _____

2) sit → _____

4) live → _____

4. Circle the correct word.

1) Please sit / seat here.

3) The ship / sheep is in the field.

2) I live / leave near the beach.

4) These shoes fit / feet me well.

5. Write /ɪ/ or /i:/ next to each word.

1) fish _____

4) week _____

2) please _____

5) cheap _____

3) this _____

6) little _____

6. Read the sentences aloud. Keep /ɪ/ short and /i:/ longer.

1) I live near the beach.

2) Please sit in this seat.

3) The sheep has little feet.

7. Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

ship • sheep • sit • seat • fill • feel

1) Please _____ here.

3) I _____ happy today.

2) The _____ is on the sea.

4) The _____ is eating grass.

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Write one sentence with a short /ɪ/ word and one sentence with a long /i:/ word.

1) /ɪ/ _____

2) /i:/ _____



WATCH THE LESSON

Short /ɪ/ vs Long /i:/ Sounds | English Pronunciation

Watch on YouTube

Scan the QR code or click the link.

Practise the lesson, then check your answers on page 2.



ANSWER KEY

Short /ɪ/ vs Long /i:/ Sounds

1. Choose the correct sound.

- 1) ship /ɪ/ 2) sheep /i:/ 3) sit /ɪ/ 4) seat /i:/
5) fill /ɪ/ 6) feel /i:/ 7) live /ɪ/ 8) leave /i:/

2. Put the words in the correct group.

/ɪ/: fish, chip, fit, little

/i:/: green, feet, tree, cheap

3. Complete the minimal pairs.

- 1) sheep 2) seat 3) feel 4) leave

4. Circle the correct word.

- 1) sit 2) live 3) sheep 4) fit

5. Write /ɪ/ or /i:/ next to each word.

- 1) fish /ɪ/ 2) please /i:/ 3) this /ɪ/
4) week /i:/ 5) cheap /i:/ 6) little /ɪ/

6. Read the sentences aloud.

Pronunciation practice. Use the video to check the two vowel sounds.

7. Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

- 1) sit 2) ship 3) feel 4) sheep

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Answers will vary.