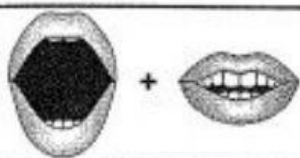


Lesson 16 [aɪ] as in *I, my, and pie*

PRONOUNCING [aɪ]



[aɪ]

Lips: Glide from an open to a slightly parted position

Jaw: Rises with the tongue and closes

Tongue: Glides from low to high near the roof of the mouth

[aɪ] is a diphthong. A diphthong is a compound vowel sound made by blending two vowels together very quickly. The diphthong [aɪ] begins with [a] and ends with [ɪ].

Possible Pronunciation Problems

The diphthong [aɪ] should be quite easy for you to pronounce. Just watch out for irregular spelling patterns. Remember that [aɪ] is frequently represented by the letters *i* or *y*.

EXAMPLES ice my

Keep trying. Your [aɪ] will be quite fine.