

## /I/ AS IN SIT

*In the middle of a difficulty lies opportunity.*

*Albert Einstein*

### Common Spelling Patterns for /I/

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| 1. <i>i</i> (most common)          | <i>sit, give, this, dinner</i>    |
| 2. <i>ui</i>                       | <i>build, quit, quick, guilty</i> |
| 3. <i>y</i> between two consonants | <i>system, gym, symbol, hymn</i>  |

#### *exceptions:*

*been*

in American English *been* is pronounced the same as *bin*, but in British English *been* sounds like *bean*.

*women*

sounds like *wimin* (the *o* is an /I/ sound)

### Word Pairs for Practice

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. big city        | 6. fish and chips |
| 2. innocent victim | 7. trip to Italy  |
| 3. drink milk      | 8. spring picnic  |
| 4. children's film | 9. this thing     |
| 5. simple living   | 10. winter wind   |

### Practice Sentences

1. Kim will visit her big sister Linda in Virginia.
2. In the beginning it was difficult for Jim to quit drinking.
3. The Smiths invited him to an informal dinner.
4. This city has an interesting history.
5. When did Bill Clinton visit the Middle East?