

note

Less frequent spelling patterns for [eɪ] consist of the letters *ea*, *ey*, and *ei*.

break great they grey vein

hint

When *a* is in a syllable ending in silent *e*, the letter *a* is pronounced [eɪ] (the same as the name of the alphabet letter *a*!).

same name case lane bake

The letters *ay*, *ai*, and *ey* are usually pronounced [eɪ].

play away bait aim they

The letters *ei* followed by *g* or *n* are usually pronounced [eɪ].

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EXERCISE B

Listen and repeat the following phrases and sentences. The boldfaced words should all be pronounced with the diphthong [eɪ].

1. **Wake** up!
2. **gain** weight
3. What's your **name**?
4. **late** date
5. **Take** it away!
6. **Make** haste, not **waste**!
7. **April** showers bring **May** flowers.
8. **They** played a **great** game.
9. The **plane** from **Spain** came late.
10. They **made** a **mistake** in **today's** paper.

CHECK YOURSELF 1

Read the following shopping list. You are going to buy the items with the [eɪ] sound. Circle only the items containing the vowel [eɪ]. (For answers to Check Yourself 1–3, see Appendix II, pages 272–273.)

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|-----------------|----------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. <u>steak</u> | lettuce | <u>pastry</u> | cereal |
| 2. bread | raisins | melon | bananas |
| 3. cake | tomatoes | bacon | baking soda |
| 4. potatoes | crackers | peas | ice cream |
| 5. grapes | celery | gravy | carrots |
| 6. toothpaste | peas | squash | paper plates |

CHECK YOURSELF 2



Listen. Circle the one word in each group that is pronounced with the diphthong [ei].

EXAMPLE	<i>You hear</i>	hat	hot	hate
	<i>You circle</i>	1	2	③
1.	1	2	3	
2.	1	2	3	
3.	1	2	3	
4.	1	2	3	
5.	1	2	3	
6.	1	2	3	
7.	1	2	3	
8.	1	2	3	
9.	1	2	3	
10.	1	2	3	

CHECK YOURSELF 3



Read aloud the following newspaper advertisement. Circle all words pronounced with [ei].

JAMESTOWN DAILY NEWSPAPER
MAY 7, 2004

FAMOUS ONE-DAY SALE AT

Ames Ladies Store

(located at 18th Street at the corner of Main and Blake)

Monday, May 8th—Mark that date!

Great buys!

Take home famous name brands,
your favorite labels!

Available for ladies of all ages.

Why pay more? Take a train, take the subway, take a plane—but don't wait!
Don't stay away from this major sale.

Save up to
80%

Head straight to Ames—the place that “aims” to please!

SINCE 1888
NO EXCHANGES OR RETURNS