# Lesson 2: /i/ as in me, tea and bee and /I/ as in it and pin

CHECK YOURSELF

**Listen and repeat. Circle the word in each group that does NOT contain the vowel [i]. (For answers, see Appendix II, page 271.)**

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| **EXAMPLE** | keep | lean | (fit) | piece |
| 1. | bead | great | leave | tea |
| 2. | eight | piece | believe | niece |
| 3. | scene | women | these | even |
| 4. | need | been | sleep | thirteen |
| 5. | police | thief | machine | vision |
| 6. | pretty | wheat | sweet | cream |
| 7. | people | bread | deal | east |
| 8. | tin | teen | steam | receive |
| 9. | leave | live | leaf | lease |

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**Listen to the words. Circle the number of the word with the vowel [ɪ]. (For answers, see Appendix II, page 271.)**

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| **EXAMPLE** | *You hear* | mitt | meat | meat |
| | *You circle* | (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 | |

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CHECK YOURSELF 2 **Listen. Circle the word that is used to complete each sentence.**

**EXAMPLE** You need a new (wheel/will).

1. They cleaned the (ship/sheep).
2. Will he (leave/live)?
3. The boy was (beaten/bitten).
4. His clothes are (neat/knit).
5. She has plump (cheeks/chicks).
6. I like low (heels/hills).
7. The children will (sleep/slip).
8. I heard every (beat/bit).
9. They stored the (beans/bins).
10. Everyone talks about the (heat/hit).

CHECK YOURSELF 3 **Listen and circle all the words pronounced with [i]. Underline all the words with [ɪ].**

**Jim:** Hi, (Tina!) Do you have a minute?

**Tina:** Yes, Jim. What is it?

**Jim:** My sister is in the city on business. We will eat dinner out tonight. Can you recommend a place to eat?

**Tina:** There is a fine seafood place on Fifth Street. The fish is fresh, and the shrimp is great. But it isn't cheap!

**Jim:** That's OK. It will be "feast today, famine tomorrow"! I'll just have to eat beans the rest of the week!

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