

Practice

EXERCISE A

 Listen and repeat.

[ɪ] At the Beginning of Words

is	if	it
ill	itch	into
ink	inch	issue
instant		

[ɪ] In the Middle of Words

pin	lift	give
miss	simple	winter
listen	timid	minute
little		

The vowel [ɪ] does not occur at the end of words in English.

[ɪ] Spelled

y	ui	i
gym	build	sin
syrup	quick	lips
symbol	quilt	with
system	guilty	gift
rhythm	guitar	differ

note

The most common spelling pattern for [ɪ] is the letter *i* followed by a final consonant.

win this hit trip begin

Less frequent spelling patterns for [ɪ] consist of the letters *o*, *e*, *u*, and *ee*.

women pretty busy been

EXERCISE B

 Listen and repeat. The boldfaced words in the following sentences all contain the vowel [ɪ].

1. **This** is it.
2. What is **this**?
3. **This** is my sister.
4. **This** is Miss Smith.
5. **This** is big business.
6. I will sit in a minute.
7. Give the list to Lynn.
8. My little sister is timid.
9. Is the building finished?
10. Did you give him his gift?