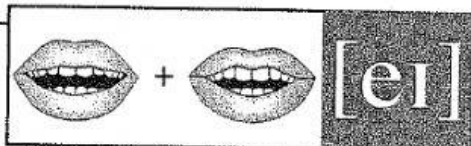


Lesson 3

[eɪ] as in *ate*, *game*, and *they*

PRONOUNCING [eɪ]



Lips: Spread and unrounded

Jaw: Rises with the tongue and closes slightly

Tongue: Glides from midlevel to near the roof of the mouth

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

Possible Pronunciation Problems

Pronunciation problems occur because of confusing English spelling patterns and the similarity of [eɪ] and [ɛ] (the sound to be described in the next lesson).

EXAMPLES If you say [ɛ] instead of [eɪ]: **late** will sound like **let**.
paper will sound like **pepper**.

With practice, you'll say [eɪ] the right way!

Practice

EXERCISE A

Listen and repeat.

[eɪ] At the Beginning of Words

ate	aim	ache
ape	ale	eight
age	able	April
apron		

[eɪ] In the Middle of Words

same	lake	place
rain	date	break
came	table	paint
paper		

[eɪ] At the End of Words

way	lay	obey
say	May	away
day	they	stay
weigh		

[eɪ] Spelled

a	ai	ay	eigh
late	main	day	eight
sane	fail	bay	weigh
safe	wait	hay	sleigh
hate	grain	ray	freight
lady	raise	play	neighbor