

**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].


weigh    neighbor    reign    vein

**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 |