

**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.)

1. <b>steak</b>	lettuce	<b>pastry</b>	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