

# [ɛ] and [eɪ]

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Listen and repeat each word. Select the word in each line that is **NOT pronounced with [ɛ]**.

Example: Mexico   America   **Egypt**   Texas

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| 1. Any      | crazy    | anywhere  | many      |
| 2. Paper    | letter   | send      | pencil    |
| 3. Seven    | eleven   | eight     | twenty    |
| 4. Health   | wreath   | breath    | wealth    |
| 5. Reading  | ready    | already   | head      |
| 6. Present  | precious | previous  | president |
| 7. November | February | September | April     |
| 8. Guess    | guest    | cruel     | question  |
| 9. Thread   | threat   | fresh     | theater   |
| 10. Mean    | meant    | mental    | met       |

**INSTRUCTIONS.** Practice the following minimal pairs with the sounds [ɛ] and [eɪ]. Check the meaning of unknown words

[ɛ]	[eɪ]
Said	Say
Met	mate
Bet	Bait
Fed	fade
Less	lace
Pen	pain/pa
Let	Late
Wet	wait/weight
Get	gate/gait
Red/read	Raid
Wed	Wade

**INSTRUCTIONS.** Listen to the sentences. Some words that should be pronounced with [ɛ] will be said incorrectly. Select **C** for the correct or **I** for the incorrect word. Then, type the actual word you hear.

Examples: you hear: Who **fed** the fish? You select **C** I

You hear: I got **wait** in the rain You select C **I (incorrect)**

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|------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. C | I | He was tired and went to _____   |                                |
| 2. C | I | She is my _____ friend.          |                                |
| 3. C | I | The opposite of East is _____    |                                |
| 4. C | I | My _____ has no ink.             |                                |
| 5. C | I | Please _____ the letter.         |                                |
| 6. C | I | Did you _____ your car?          |                                |
| 7. C | I | My favorite color is _____       |                                |
| 8. C | I | Put salt and _____ on the salad. |                                |
| 9. C | I | Can you _____ the right answers? |                                |
| 10.  | C | I                                | This is the _____ of the test. |