


## Minimal Pairs /ɪ/ and /i/ Practice

**INSTRUCTIONS**

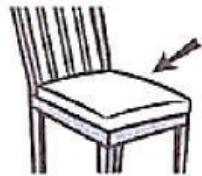
Listen and practice these word pairs **/ɪ/** and **/i/**.

 **1** Listen to these word pairs.

**Sound 1: /i/**



sheep



seat



heel



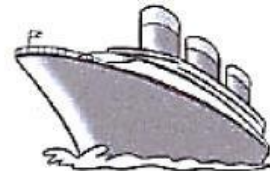
feel



sleep

**Sound 2: /ɪ/**

ship



sit



hill



fill



slip



## LISTENING TASK # 1

### INSTRUCTIONS

Listen to each sentence and choose the word you hear.

1. He isn't going to **leave** / **live**
2. Try not to **sleep** / **slip**
3. They want to buy **a sheep** / **ship**
4. Those **heels** / **hills** are very high
5. Did you **feel** / **fill** the glass?
6. Do you want **a seat** / **to sit?**

## LISTENING TASK # 2

### INSTRUCTIONS

Listen to each sentence and choose the word you hear.

1. They cleaned the **ship** / **sheep**
2. Will he **leave** / **live** ?
3. The boy was **a beaten** / **bitten**
4. His clothes are **neat** / **knit**
5. She has plump **cheeks** / **chicks**
6. I like low **heels** / **hills**
7. The children will **sleep** / **slip**
8. I heard every **beat** / **bit**
9. They stored the **beans** / **bins**
10. Everyone talks about the **heat** / **hit**

## LISTENING TASK # 3

Instructions

Listen carefully to the next dialogue and recognize word pronounced with the sounds: **/ɪ/** and **/i/**.



## LISTENING TASK # 4

Instructions

Listen carefully to the next dialogue and practice it. Later, read it in front of your classmates and teacher. Remember to “smile” and tense you lips for **[i]** and to relax them when pronouncing the **[ɪ]**



*Tina*



**Jim:** Hi Tina! Do you have a minute?

**Tina:** Yes, Jim. What is it?

**Jim:** My sister is in the city on business. We will eat dinner out tonight. Can you recommend a place to eat?

**Tina:** There is a fine seafood place on Fifth Street. The fish is fresh, and the shrimp is great. But it isn't cheap!

**Jim:** That's OK. It will be "feast today, famine tomorrow"! I'll just have to eat beans the rest of the week!



## INSTRUCTIONS

Practice the next paragraph and read in front of your classmates and teacher next class. All the boldfaced words should be pronounced with the vowel / i /. Do your best!



# THE BEATLES

What is a **Beatle**? Maybe you think of a **real creature** who **creeps** and **leaps** about. But most **people** recall four English **teens** called the **Beatles**, who appeared as a rock group in the **nineteen sixties**. **Leaving bebop** behind, the **Beatles** created a **unique beat** that **appealed** to everyone. **Seen** on American **TV**, they were **greeted** by **screams** and **cheers**. "**Please Please Me**" and "**She Loves You**" were among their **many pieces**. They even received an award from the **queen** of England. The **team** broke up as they **reached** their **peak**, but each member continued his own **career**. The world **grieved** the loss of their leader, John Lennon, who died in December 1980. Although only **briefly** on the **scene**, the **Beatles** created **meaningful** music that will be here for an **eternity**.

THE BEATLES

