

**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 |

## CHECK YOURSELF 2



**Listen.** Circle the one word in each group that is pronounced with the diphthong [ei].

<b>EXAMPLE</b>	<i>You hear</i>	hat	hot	hate
	<i>You circle</i>	1	2	③
1.	1	2	3	
2.	1	2	3	
3.	1	2	3	
4.	1	2	3	
5.	1	2	3	
6.	1	2	3	
7.	1	2	3	
8.	1	2	3	
9.	1	2	3	
10.	1	2	3	

## CHECK YOURSELF 3



**Read aloud the following newspaper advertisement.** Circle all words pronounced with [ei].

JAMESTOWN DAILY NEWSPAPER
MAY 7, 2004

## FAMOUS ONE-DAY SALE AT

# Ames Ladies Store

(located at 18th Street at the corner of Main and Blake)

### Monday, May 8th—Mark that date!

Great buys!

Take home famous name brands,  
your favorite labels!

Available for ladies of all ages.

Why pay more? Take a train, take the subway, take a plane—but don't wait!  
Don't stay away from this major sale.

Save up to  
**80%**

**Head straight to Ames—the place that “aims” to please!**

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NO EXCHANGES OR RETURNS