

**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. steak	lettuce	pastry	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 [eɪ].

EXAMPLE	<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 [eɪ].

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!

Save up to
80%

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.

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

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