

PHONETICS (MONOPHTHONGS)

/i:/ and **/ɪ/**

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WAY TO PRONOUNCE



WAY TO PRONOUNCE

- /i:/ is a long vowel sound.
- Make your lips firmly stretch
- Your tongue gently raises
- It's pronounce /i:/ (an extensive sound)

WAY TO PRONOUNCE

- /ɪ/ is a short vowel sound.
- Make your lips mildly spread out
- Your tongue is in relaxed position
- It's pronounce /ɪ/ (an emphatic sound)

THE DISTINCTION

Similarity

Difference

THE DISTINCTION



i

I



TOM

SIMILARITY

- Both /ɪ/ and /i:/ are **front vowels**, **close** (high) **vowels** and **unrounded vowels**.
- Both of these sounds are created when the **center** of the **tongue** is put **closer** to the **roof** of the **mouth**.
- Both of these sounds happen completely **inside** the **mouth**.

THE DISTINCTION

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DIFFERENCE

/i:/

- The long i is created by putting the **center** of the **tongue** very **close** to the **roof** of the **mouth**.

/ɪ/

- The short i is created by **lowering** the **tongue** from the **long i position**.

The *long i* sound does take more time than the *short i* sound.

SOME EXAMPLES

/i:/

Initial: ○ equal /'i:kwəl/

Middle: ○ cheese /tʃi:z/

Final: ○ sea /si:/

/ɪ/

○ improve /ɪm'pru:v/

○ ticket /'tɪkɪt/

○ spicy /'spaɪsi/

/i:/

Initial:

○ East /i:st/

Middle:

○ leek /li:k/

Final:

○ agree /ə'gri:/

/ɪ/

○ equivalent /ɪ'kwɪvələnt/

○ lick /lɪk/

○ Guinea /'gɪni/

/i:/

Initial: ○ eager /'i:ɡər/

Middle: ○ receive /rɪ'si:v/

Final: ○ degree /dɪ'ɡri:/

/ɪ/

○ imbrace /ɪm'breɪs/

○ minute /'mɪnɪt/

○ busy /'bɪzi/

/i:/

Initial: ○ each /i:tʃ/

Middle: ○ geese /gi:s/

Final: ○ employee /ɪm'plɔɪi:/

/ɪ/

○ figure /'fɪgər/

○ distinction /dɪ'stɪŋkʃn/

○ strawberry BE /'strɔ:bəri/

AE /'strɔ:bəri/

/i:/

Initial: ○ evening /'i:vniŋ/

Middle: ○ peace /pi:s/

Final: ○ bee /bi:/

/ɪ/

○ ingenious /ɪn'dʒi:niəs/

○ king /kiŋ/

○ sticky /'stɪki/