## PHONETICS (MONOPHTHONGS)

/i:/ and /I/

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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
- Olt's pronounce /i:/ (an extensive sound)

## **WAY TO PRONOUNCE**

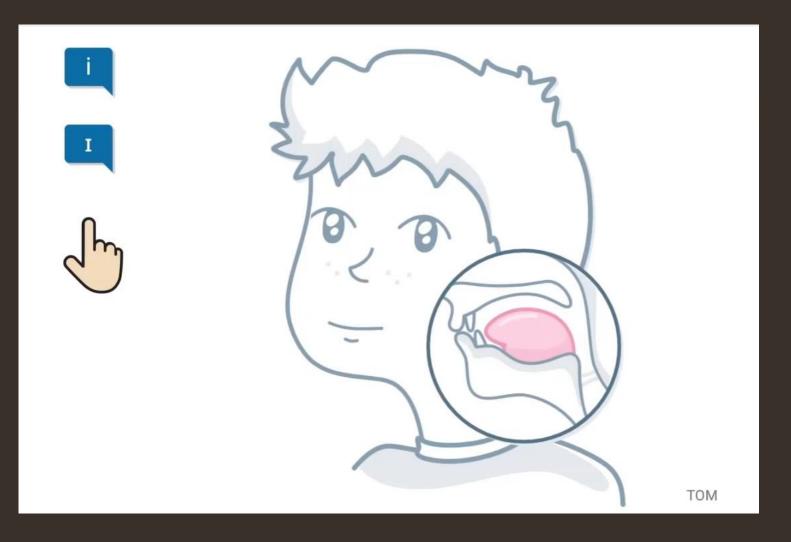
- $\bigcirc$  /I/ is a short vowel sound.
- Make your lips mildly spread out
- Your tongue is in relaxed position
- Olt's pronounce /I/ (an emphatic sound)

### THE DISTINCTION

Similarity

Difference

# THE DISTINCTION



## SIMILARITY

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

### THE DISTINCTION

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## DIFFERENCE



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

O 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:/

**/I/** 

Initial: O equal /'iːkwəl/

Middle: O cheese /tsiz/

Final: o sea /siː/

o improve /im'pru:v/

ticket /'tikit/

o spicy /'spaisi/

**/I/** 

Initial: O East /iːst/

Middle: O leek /liːk/

Final: O agree /ə'griː/

equivalent /I'kwIvələnt/

O lick /lik/

O Guinea / 'gɪni/

**/**I/

Initial: O eager /'iːgər/

Middle: O receive /rɪˈsiːv/

Final: O degree /dɪ'griː/

o imbrace /im'breis/

o minute /'mɪnɪt/

O busy /'bizi/

**/I/** 

Initial: O each /iːtʃ/

Middle: O geese /giːs/

Final: O employee /Im'ploii/

figure /'figer/

O distinction /dɪ'stɪŋkʃn/

o strawberry BE / 'stro:beri/

AE /'stro:bəri/

**/**I/

Initial: O evening /'iːvnɪŋ/

Middle: Opeace/pixs/

Final: O bee /bi:/

o ingenious /ɪnˈdʒiːniəs/

o king /kɪŋ/

o sticky /'stiki/