

**AMERICAN  
ACCENT  
COACHING**

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**i, I, ε**



**SECTION 3 CLASS 4**

**MASTER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE i/I AS IN  
BEAD/BID AND THE ε AS IN BED**

## ε

### How it's spelled:

e: red, best, shed, ten, yes, wet, gender, lemon, menu, never, special, yesterday, repetition, expect, extra, gender, intense, legend, lemon, message, pepper, precious, project, pretend, reflect, seldom, session, success, terror, upset, wedding, welcome, yellow, dialect

ea: head, leather, ready, bread, health, heaven, heavy, dread, dead, pleasant, instead, weather, already, thread, breakfast, deaf, jealous, read (past tense), lead (noun)

### Less common spellings:

ai: again, against, said

ee: been

ue: guest, quest

o: women

### Sentences:

I guess Fred is fretting about the presidential election.

Send me Ken's address again in a text message.

Lemon bread was the best thing on yesterday's breakfast menu.

Chelsea is a precious red head.

## i, I, ε

Pete – Pit – Pet

Read – Rid – Red

Feel – Fill – Fell

Beat – Bit – Bet

Seat – Sit – Set

Heal – Hill – Help

Seal – Sill – Sell



## Combining i, ɪ, & e in sentences

Beat – Bit – Bet

I bet you can't beat me one bit.

Me – Miss – Mess

Miss Piggy's mess was blamed on me.

Read – Rid – Red

I got rid of all the red books I had \*read (\*pronounced red).

Seat – Sit – Set

Sit down and set your hat here on this seat.

He – Hill – Help

He helped the woman climb up the hill.

Seal – Sill – Sell

Selling seals is silly.

Beater – Bitter – Better

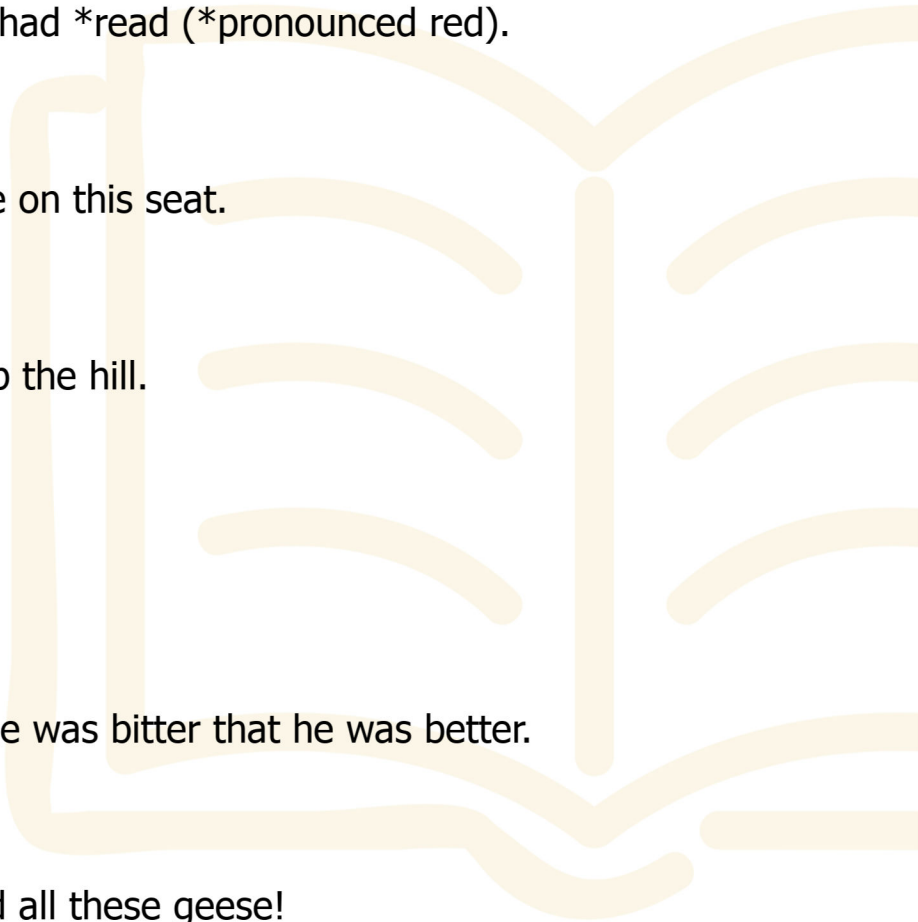
When he beat her at chess, she was bitter that he was better.

Geese – Kiss – Guess

Guess what—the hunters killed all these geese!

Bee - Built – Bed

I built a sort of bed for bees to relax on.





### **Monologue application**

Are there any i, ɪ, ε sounds in this monologue from Dead Poets Society? Mark them down!

“Seize the day. Gather ye rosebuds while ye may.” Why does the writer use these lines? Because we are food for worms, lads. Because, believe it or not, each and every one of us in this room is one day going to stop breathing, turn cold, and die.

Now I would like you to step forward over here and peruse some of the faces from the past. You’ve walked past them many times. I don’t think you’ve really looked at them.

They’re not that different from you, are they? Same haircuts. Full of hormones, just like you. Invincible, just like you feel. The world is their oyster. They believe they’re destined for great things, just like many of you.

Their eyes are full of hope, just like you. Did they wait until it was too late to make from their lives even one iota of what they were capable?

Because, you see gentlemen, these boys are now fertilizing daffodils. But if you listen real close, you can hear them whisper their legacy to you.

### **HOMEWORK**

Find the i, ɪ, ε sounds in any text. Mark them down and say the text aloud.