

Answers for /i:/ and /ɪ/ Exercises

1. Write the words in the correct column and underline the target sounds. Then listen to the MP3 (2a) and practise saying the words.

/i:/ sound	/ɪ/ sound
queen, sweets, feet, leaf, tree, beach, ice cream	king, pin, penguin, pig, ring



2. Write the correct number above the words in green. Does the word contain the sound 1 /i:/ or 2 /ɪ/? Listen to the MP3 (2b) and write which sound you hear. Underline the part of the word with this sound:

All the ²Caribbean ¹stereotypes are present and correct ²in Jamaica. Along the coast, you've got white sands ²fringed by palms, and ramshackle ¹beach bars ²servicing up jerk ²chicken to Bob Marley ¹beats. Inland, ²meanwhile, ²hidden waterfalls, banana plantations and ²soaring ²mountains vie for your attention. Best of all, the ¹scenery is served up alongside Jamaica's famous 'take-it-¹easy' vibe.

3. Listen to the MP3 (2c) and circle which word you hear.

- a) beet bit
- b) freeze frizz
- c) green grin
- d) sleep slip
- e) greed grid

4. Record yourself saying the words in sections 1 and 3, and the passage in section 2. Listen to your recording again in a few days. Can you clearly hear the two target sounds you studied?

