

Pronunciation Packet 1: /ɪ/ and /ï/: Sentence Stress

Say the sentences:

- a. Please sit in this seat.
- b. The shoes should fit your feet.
- c. Do you still steal?
- d. Pitch that peach into the trash.
- e. Hit the heat switch, please.
- f. Those bins are for beans.
- g. They ship sheep overseas.
- h. Don't buy the cheapest chips.
- i. I don't like this beat one little bit.

Tongue Twisters – Say three times, quickly!

- Which witch wished which wicked wish?
- Thieves seize skis.
- Quick kiss. Quicker kiss.
- Six sick hicks nick six slick bricks with picks and sticks.

What sound does the given word have: /ɪ/ or /ï/? Write the IPA in the space.

meal	he's	we'll	knit
skim	his	mill	neat
rip	eat	wheel	fist
list	it	pick	lips
least	feet	ship	filling
team	rich	didn't	feel
week	will	snicker	leaving
weak	leak	kit	living

if	hit	image	list
ill	fit	innocent	consider
into	live	interstate	business
increase	sit	incidence	win

Poems by Shel Silverstein
Mark the stresses. Read aloud.
How Many, How Much

How many slams in an old screen door?

Depends how loud you slam it.

How many slices in a loaf of bread?

Depends how thin you cut it.

How much good inside a day?

Depends how good you live 'em.

How much love inside a friend?

Depends how much you give 'em.

Actions

If we meet and I say, "Hi,"

That's a salutation.

If you ask me how I feel,

That's consideration.

If we stop and talk a while,

That's a conversation.

If we understand each other,

That's communication.

If we argue, scream and fight,

That's an altercation.

If later we apologize,

That's reconciliation.

If we help each other home,

That's cooperation.

And all these actions added up

Make civilization.

(And if I say this is a wonderful poem,

Is that exaggeration?)

Part 3: Minimal Pairs

hit, heat	list, least
it, eat	wheel, will
beat, bit	sleep, slip
heel, hill	feel, fill
deed, did	lead, lid
feet, fit	she'll, shill
leave, live	bitch, beach
seen, sin	reach, rich

Short Story 1 - Practice reading aloud.

This is Story 1 from the website <http://www.rong-chang.com/qa2/>

Sara Smith, a Pasadena resident, went shopping. She is 30, and has lived at 3037 N. Foothill

Street since 1992. Sara has been married to John for seven years. They have two children;

Zeke is five years old and Nancy is three. Sara owns a 1995 four-door blue Toyota. At 9 a.m.,

Sara got into her car and drove to Target, a department store a mile away.

Target was having a holiday sale. Sara bought a four-slice toaster for \$29.95 plus tax. The

regular price was \$39.95. She paid by check. On her way home, Sara stopped at MilkPlus to

buy a gallon of nonfat milk. The milk was \$3.50. Sara got 50 cents back in change.

Sara arrived home at 10 a.m. John and the kids were still sleeping. She woke them up and

then made a hot and nutritious breakfast for everyone.

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