

The vowel “I”



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Place of Articulation

features that describe where the phone is made in the oral cavity, using which part of the tongue

- According to the place of articulation the vowel I takes up position of **Front vowels**: Produced with the tongue in the front of the mouth [i,ɪ] and of **Central vowels**: Produced with the tongue in the center of the mouth [aɪ]. These features refer to Horizontal (front – to – back) position in the mouth
- According to the Vertical (high – to – low) position in the mouth the vowel I refers to High vowels: Produced with the tongue high in the mouth [i, ɪ] and to Low vowels: Produced with the tongue low in the mouth [aɪ].

The Short Vowel Rule

Short Vowel Rule: When there is **one** vowel in a word, either at the beginning or between two consonants, it usually has the short vowel sound.

Short vowel i words

dig

tip

hid

crib

sit

fill

pig

pin

kid

fist

bit

hill

wig

sin

lid

list

fit

kill

dip

tin

bib

milk

hit

pill

hip

win

fib

silk

pit

will

lip

did

rib

swim

mitt

him

The Long Vowel Rule (1)

Long Vowel Rule (1): When a word has **two** vowel, usually the **first** vowel says its name and the **second** vowel is silent.

Long vowel i words

hide

bike

dime

vine

pie

dive

ride

like

lime

wipe

tie

five

side

hike

time

pipe

fire

hive

tide

file

chime

ripe

hire

cry

wide

mile

dine

rise

tire

dry

bride

pile

fine

wise

wire

fly

glide

tile

line

size

bite

fry

pride

smile

mine

prize

kite

try

slide

while

pine

die

white

sky

The Long Vowel Rule (3)

Long Vowel Rule (3): The vowel **i** and **o** have the long vowel sound when followed by two or more consonants usually has a long vowel sound.

child

mind

light

old

colt

most

bind

blind

night

cold

colt

post

find

grind

right

fold

jolt

roll

hind

high

bright

hold

volt

toll

kind

fight

flight

told

both

stroll

Sounds	Letters	Examples
[i:]	e, ee ea ie, ei	field, believe, receive
[ɪ]	i y	it, kiss, tip, pick, dinner, pity
[eɪ]	a ai, ay ei, ey ea	aim, wait, eight, weight
[aɪ]	i, ie y, uy	ice, find, smile, tie, lie, die
[oɪ]	oi, oy	oil, voice, noise,

Spelling the long vowel sound /i:/:

i-e, igh, y, ie

1) In some words of more than one syllable you just need the letter *i*, for example:

item – icon – idea – idol – iris
iron – ivy – ivory – crisis – final
pilot – silent

Spelling the long vowel sound /ī/:

i-e, igh, y, ie

2) Sometimes you need to add another letter, for example:

- as in ***kite*** Add ***e*** on the end. Most words use ***i-e*** to spell the long /ī/sound.

Tribe – hide – wide – bride
life – wife – bike – like

- ***igh*** as in ***light*** Some words use ***igh***. The letters ***gh*** have no sound here.

high - sigh – bright – fight
flight – might – night

Spelling the long vowel sound /i:/:

i-e, igh, y, ie

- **y** as in **sky** Use **y** on the end and sometimes in the middle.

My – cry – dry – fry – ply
sly – spy – shy

rhyme – cycle – dynamic – hydrogen – paralyse

- **ie** as in **tie** Only 4 words use **ie** on the end.

die – lie – pie – tie

These **ie** words are made by adding a suffix to words which end in -y. For more on these words

cries – cried – ties – tied – spies

Toungue twisters

- I see Isis's icy eyes.
- Ike ships ice chips in ice chips ships.
- Can you imagine an imaginary menagerie manager imagining managing an imaginary menagerie?
- I slit a sheet, a sheet I slit, upon a slitted sheet I sit.

Toungue twisters

- Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper
picked.
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled
peppers
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter
Piper picked?