

**i / i:**

minimal pairs

**Words with the i sound more bitchy while words that have the ē may sound nice and polite :**

lee

clean , cleaning , cleaned

clear , clearing , cleared

sleep , sleeping , asleep

leak , leaking , leaked , leakage

please , pleasing , pleased

- bin bean
- chip cheap
- his he's
- it eat
- sit seat

- did deed
- fill feel
- fit feet
- grin green
- hit heat / hitting heating
- is ease
- mitt meet
- slip sleep
- still steal

- bit beat
- bitch beach
- itch each
- gin gene
- grid greed
- hid heed
- hill heel
- ill eel

- kip keep
- knit neat
- lick leak
- lip leap
- mill meal
- pick peek ( they'll pick us up for a peek )
- piss piece
- pitch peach
- risen reason
- arisen a reason
- shit sheet
- sick seek
- sin scene
- sin seen
- still steel
- tin teen

- bid bead
- bitch beech ( beech tree - [WikipediaBeech - Wikipedia](#))
- biz bees ( show biz )
- chick cheek
- chit cheat ( a chit - a small letter , note )
- dip deep
- fist feast
- fizz fees
- hip heap
- kid keyed
- pill peel
- pip peep ( pip - a short high pitched sound)
- piss peace
- sill seal
- sim seem
- skid skied
- skim scheme
- till teal ( teal - a nice , soothing color & a bird - [WikipediaTeal - Wikipedia](#) )
- tizz teas

- blip bleep ( bleep - a short electronic sounds , blip - a crisp short sound )
- britches breeches ( britches - short pants / trousers )
- crick creek ( crick - a turn in the neck that causes neck strain )
- din dean ( din - a loud continued noise , dean - a head of a division )

- finned fiend
- flit fleet
- gip jeep
- grist greased ( grist - grain for grinding )
- pit peat ( peat - turf )
- sim seam
- sip seep
- shin sheen ( sheen - brightness )
- skit skeet ( skit - a satirical story )
- slick sleek ( slick , sleek - glossy )
- slit sleet
- tick teak ( teak - a species of timber tree)
- tit teat ( teat - a nipple )
- tizz tease ( tizz - tizzy - excited )

i - i:

gritty  
city  
pretty  
pity  
busy

i: - i:

really  
nearly  
clearly