

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