

Welcome!

Voice and Accent Trainer Certification

Diphthongs

/eɪ/ /aɪ/ /ɔɪ/

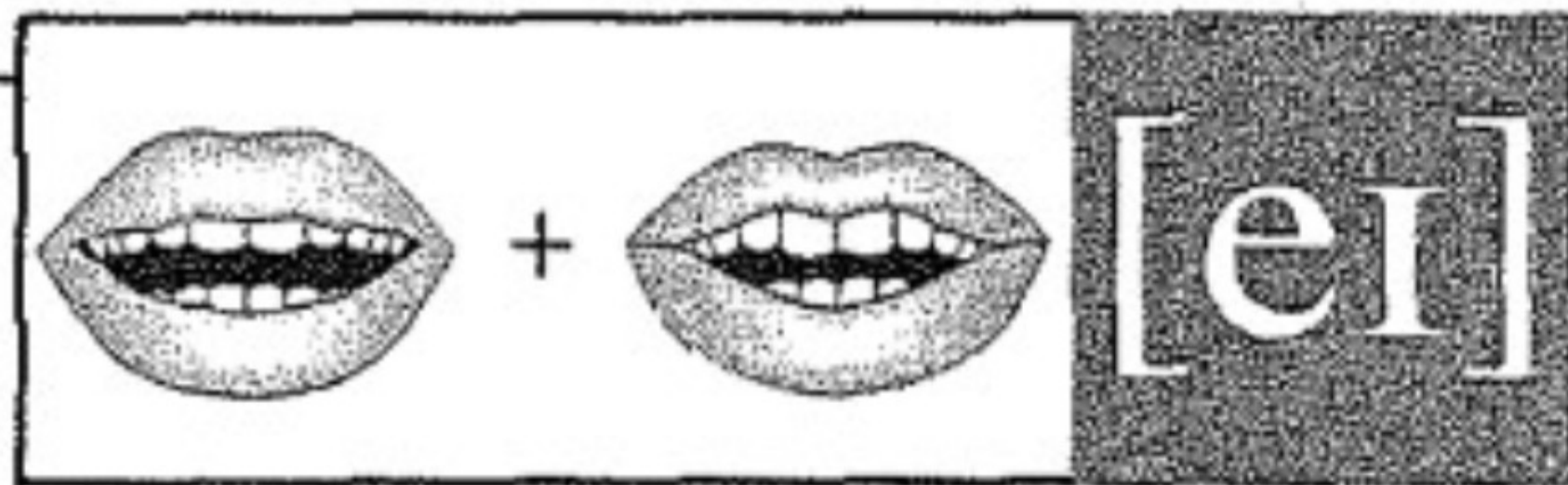
Practice Activities:

Practicing the correct various diphthong sounds

Feedback

Lets practice

PRONOUNCING [eɪ]



Lips: Spread and unrounded

Jaw: Rises with the tongue and closes slightly

Tongue: Glides from midlevel to near the roof of the mouth

Listen and repeat the following phrases and sentences. The boldfaced words should all be pronounced with the diphthong [eɪ/].

1. Wake up!
2. gain weight
3. What's your name?
4. late date
5. Take it away!
6. Make haste, not waste!
7. April showers bring May flowers.
8. They played a great game
9. The plane from Spain came late.
10. They made a mistake in today's paper.



Read the following shopping list. You are going to buy the items with the [/eɪ/] sound. Circle only the items containing the vowel [/eɪ/].

1. lettuce steak pastry cereal

2. bread raisins melon bananas

3. cake tomatoes bacon baking soda

4. potatoes crackers peas ice cream

5. grapes celery gravy carrots

6. toothpaste peas squash paper plates

Read aloud the following newspaper advertisement. Circle all words pronounced with [ei].

JAMESTOWN DAILY NEWSPAPER MAY 7, 2004

FAMOUS ONE-DAY SALE AT

Ames Ladies Store
(located at 18th Street at the corner of Main and Blake)

Monday, May 8th—Mark that date!

Great buys! Take home famous name brands,
your favorite labels! Save up to 80%

Available for ladies of all ages.

Why pay more? Take a train, take the subway, take a plane—but don't wait!
Don't stay away from this major sale.

Head straight to Ames—the place that “aims” to please!

SINCE 1888 NO EXCHANGES OR RETURNS

/ei/

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Read aloud the following paragraph about Babe Ruth. Remember that all the boldfaced words should be pronounced with the diphthong [ei].

Babe Ruth

Babe Ruth was a famous baseball player. He was born in Baltimore and raised there as an orphan. He first played for the Boston Red Sox but was later traded to the New York Yankees. He hit 714 home runs and became a baseball legend. He was named to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The last team he played for was the Boston Braves. He died in 1948. Many say he was the greatest player of his day.

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PRONOUNCING [aɪ]



Lips: Glide from an open to a slightly parted position

Jaw: Rises with the tongue and closes

Tongue: Glides from low to high near the roof of the mouth

Listen and repeat. Pay attention to the boldfaced words containing the diphthong[ai]. Identify the diphthong in each sentence.

1. **Hi!**
2. Nice to meet you.
3. I'm fine.
4. What time is it?
5. Nice try!
6. Rise and shine!
7. The store is open from nine to five.
8. I'll buy the item if the price is right.
9. I'm trying to type it by tonight.
10. My driver's license expires in July.



Read the words aloud. Circle the word in each group that does NOT contain the diphthong [ai].

1. price crime pity pile
2. mind kind ~~spinning~~ finding
3. sign high fright ~~freight~~
4. ~~list~~ cite aisle cried
5. ~~gyp~~ bye cry reply
6. ~~niece~~ nice knife night
7. style ~~failed~~ filed fire
8. ~~pretty~~ try resign goodbye
9. ice eye ~~aim~~ aisle
10. flight fine ~~duty~~ dying



Read the dialogue. Practice it with a partner.
Circle all the words that contain the diphthong [ai].

Mike: Hi Myra, It's nice to see you.

Myra: Likewise, Mike. How are you?

Mike: I'm tired. I just came in on a night flight from Ireland.

Myra: What time did your flight arrive?

Mike: I arrived at five forty-five in the morning.

Myra: I'm surprised the airlines have a late-night flight.

Mike: If you don't mind, Myra, I think I'll go home and rest for a while. I'm really
wiped out!

ress-for-a-while

Myra: Why, Mike, I have a whole night lined up-dining out and going night-clubbing!

outav-yaw-mind

Mike: Myra, are you out of your mind?

Myra: I'm only joking. You're going right home. Sleep tight!

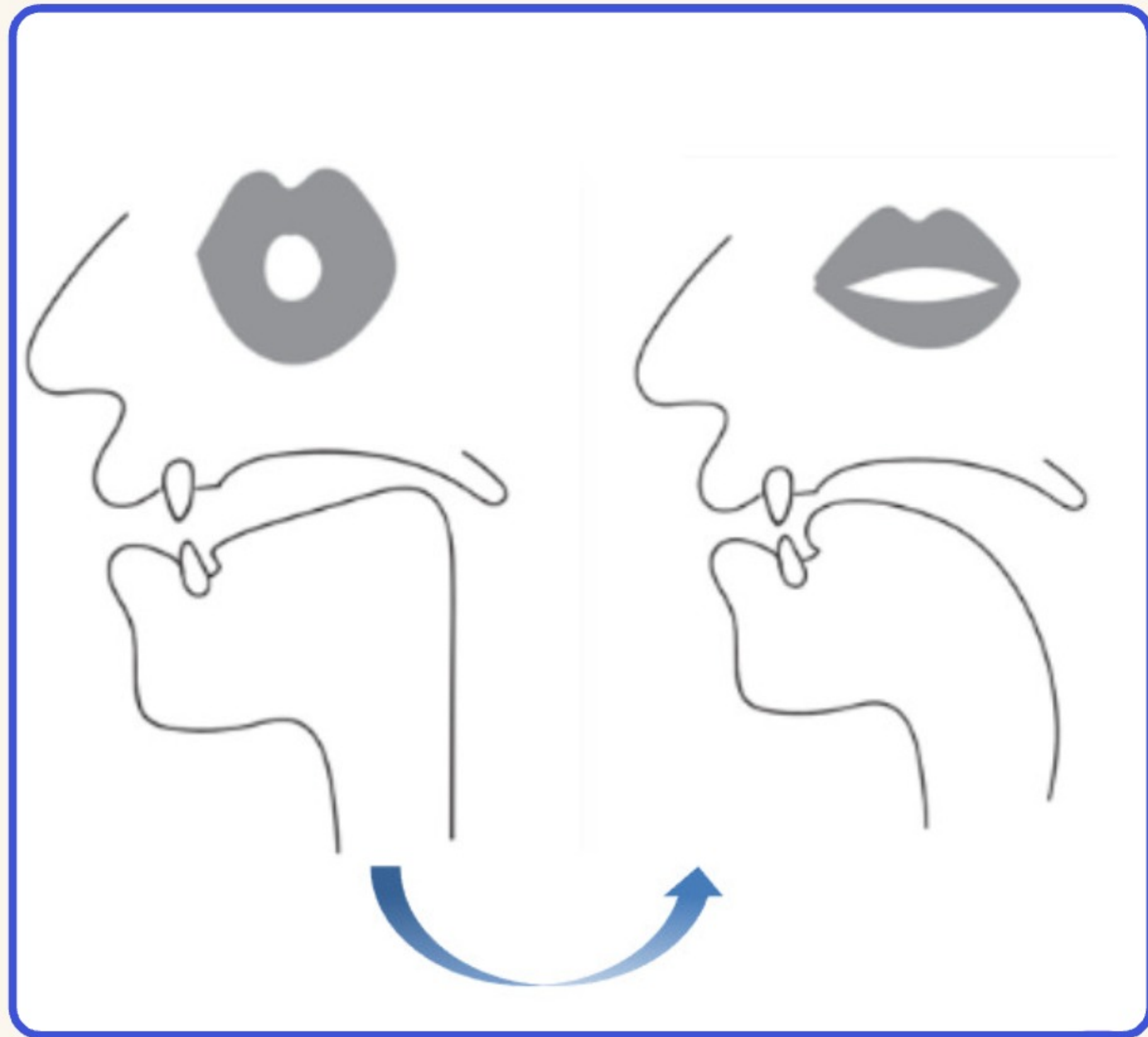


Read the paragraph aloud. Pay attention to the boldfaced words containing the diphthong [ai]. Identify the [ai] sound in the passage below.

Lying!

Psychologists say that lying well is a special talent that is not easily acquired. Good liars can be quite likeable, have a charming style, and can look you right in the eye. Lie-detector tests are used about 1 million times a year by private companies, police departments, and even the CIA. Some people insist that lie-detector tests are reliable. However, many experts find that lie-detectors can be fooled by biting one's tongue. From the beginning of time, people have tried to detect lies. In ancient India, suspected liars were sent by themselves into a hut without any light. They were instructed to pull the tail of a donkey in the hut. They were told the donkey would cry out if the person pulling its tail was lying. They had no idea that the donkey's tail was covered in soot. The real liars were identified because they had no soot on their hands when they came out of the hut!

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Read the limerick aloud. Pay attention to your pronunciation of the boldfaced words with the /oi/ sound.

The Boy from Troy

Roy was a boy from Troy.
Who ate oysters with absolute joy.
He boiled them, he broiled them
He baked them, he oiled them,
And sometimes he dipped them in
soy.



Find 14 words in the puzzle (every letter is used once) and write them in the correct part of the table. The words are written horizontally or vertically.

c	s	h	o	p	r	w
o	s	o	n	g	o	h
l	r	s	w	s	c	a
d	o	h	a	n	k	t
b	a	o	n	o	r	w
o	d	w	t	w	o	a
t	j	o	k	e	l	s
h	c	o	a	t	l	h

Read the passage and identify the /ɔɪ/ sound

The boy was overjoyed when he found a new toy in the shop. He quickly grabbed it and showed it to his friend, who was equally excited.

They decided to join forces and play together all afternoon. The noise from their laughter filled the room, but they didn't mind. After a while, they heard their mom call them for dinner, and they left the toys behind, still smiling from their joyful day.

My take-away (exit ticket)

I hope this chapter on stress didn't cause you any stress! You did a beautiful job! It's time to take a break and RELAX for a while. When you're well rested, move on to the next lesson. You'll soon get the RHYTHM! 😊

1. I learned
2. When I get back to work I am going to
.....
3. I would like to know more about
4. I am going to find out this by