

Outcomes

Pre-intermediate – Pronunciation 3

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The letters *e* and *i* can be pronounced in lots of different ways. For example, *retake* /ri:teik/ and *pet* /pet/ or *windy* /windi/ and *mines* /mains/. Learning some phonetic symbols can help you because then you can find the pronunciation in a dictionary.

A 🔊 3.1 Listen and repeat the sounds and words below.

/e/	pet	/ɜ:/	term, first
/i:/	retake, mosquito	/aɪə/	environment
/ə/	fisherman, authority	/eɪ/	jail
/ɪ/	rocket, windy		

B Work in pairs. Decide if the underlined sounds in each pair of words are the same or different. Use the phonetic symbols in exercise A to help you.

- 1 cancer / discovery
- 2 convenient / investigate
- 3 system / rocket
- 4 flowers / bunches
- 5 heated / trained
- 6 bee / reason
- 7 extracts / effects
- 8 finals / primary
- 9 redelivery / item
- 10 sight / witness
- 11 biology / meanwhile
- 12 introduce / identified
- 13 recovery / improper
- 14 assignment / responsible

C 🔊 3.2 Listen and check.

D 🔊 3.3 You are going to hear eight groups of words. Listen and write them down. Then compare what you have written.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____