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/i/ and /I/ (Patricia Nixon)

Artistic	Mist	Misses	Mississippi	Minimum	It
Kitchen	Shift	Mitt	Windmill	Pits	This
His	Will	Kill	Still	Ticket	Trill
Thrill	Definite	Infinite	Which	Switch	Gym
Illuminate	Eliminate	Little	Vista	Provision	England
Restriction	Liquidity	Filter	Ribbon	Frigid	Digit
Rhythm	Kilt	Quilt	Dribble	15	Is
Ignorant	Billion	Ring	Bring	Drip	Stick
Wick	Fix	Mixture	Fixation	Liberty	Miserable
Its/it's	Sidney	Rib	Fib	Bricks	Think
Limbo	Risky	Business	Busy	List	Rim
dim	nimble	quit	slim	grin	tick

1. Patricia Nixon watched him as he tapped his fingers rhythmically on the refrigerator in the gymnasium
2. Without much wisdom, the Israeli minister bought a ticket to Michigan from the sinister British prince
3. It is an ill wind that blows no good
4. They will definitely kill the vicious snake if it slithers near the pickled ginger by the picture window in the kitchen
5. Mr. William Smith's sibling committed the single business decision to fly Rin Tin Tin to India for the audition
6. The pills spilled out of the mitt and onto the kitchen floor
7. The skit was about a slim and trim witch who jinxed the winners
8. Which provision in his will restricted Tim's income?
9. It is a myth that this irrigation project has been reduced to a drip
10. I infer from his implication that this magician is an exhibitionist
11. In his infinite wisdom the Englishman still insists that the busy Palestinian should study artistic history this winter

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12. Mrs. Skillman stiffly shook her fist at our six tricks, bitterly thinking we were trying to humiliate her over her tryst with Bill, the ticket salesman she had met at our dinner

Deepen your learning:

- The above sentences focus on the short, lax vowel /ɪ/. Many non-native English speakers say this replace this vowel with a vowel closer to /i/
- Circle the /ɪ/ vowels above
- Take a look at the different ways the vowel is spelt
- List the variations below. You don't have to write all the different words – just the different ways that /ɪ/ is spelled
- Syllable review: find at least ten three (or more syllable words in the sentences above)
- List them below and mark their the stressed syllables