Welcome to Broken English, the quick fix for your pronunciation. My name is Geoff. Today, we’re looking at the short I /I/ sound. To really study pronunciation, please repeat the sounds with me as you listen. I even suggest recording yourself so you can see how you sound, if you are able. Alright, let’s get started.

To make the /I/ sound, your mouth does not need to be very open. The front of your tongue can be down. The middle of your tongue is raised. The back of your tongue is down. /I/. /I/.

To make this sound, you use the letter /i/ like in “miss”, “bit”, or “thin”.

You can use make it with the letters “ui”, like “quit”, “quiz”, or “build”

Finally, you can put a “y” between consonants, like “system” or “bicycle”.

Let’s say all of those words again: “miss”, “bit”, “thin”, “quit”, “quiz”, “build”, “system”, “bicycle”.

How about some word pairs: bit thin/ quick hit/ missed quiz/ this bicycle/ hit the gym

Here are some practice sentences. Again, try to repeat and sound like me.

I missed this quiz when my kids were sick.

His trip to Italy was finished in April.

Is the gym in this city pretty big?

seat/sit meat/mit seep/sip deep/dip feel/fill

Alright, that’s it for today! Again, record yourself. See if you can pronounce the words like me, and we’ll practice again next time. Thanks for listening!