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The Sound of the Letter –i- Part 2

Hi! I'm Marianne Raynaud from QualityTime-ESL. This podcast is coming to you from Grenoble in the French Alps, a bit to the south of Geneva, Switzerland.

When working on the podcasts of "Better Speaking Skills" I recommend you do the exercises WITHOUT looking at the script. However, if you feel lost or confused you can tap the center of the control pad of your iPod three times, and the first part of the script will be displayed. You can also download the complete written script by going to our website www.QualityTime-ESL.com.

Today we will continue working on the sound of the letter "i" or the sound of the letter -y-. If you don't know the meaning of the words we use, please stop and look them up in your dictionary.

Part 1: The letter -y- when stressed is also pronounced like the letter -i- in "I" or "Hi"

Listen and repeat.

byte	hydro-electricity	hyper-sensitive
cyber	hydrofoil	hyphen
cyberspace	hydrogen	hype (1 syllable)*
cycle	hygiene	style
hybrid	hyper-active	

**exaggerated talk*

Now with an unstressed -y-. Listen and repeat.

analyze	hypothesis	psychology (*silent "p")
hydraulics	specify	hyperbole = exaggeration

Part 2: Here the -i- or -y- is stressed but is pronounced like the letter -e- in the alphabet. Listen and repeat.

beginner	civilian	dinner
bit	Christian	figure
bitter	crystal	filament
bridge	definition	flippers
city	digit	forbid
civil	digital	hil



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hit	mini-bus	skiing
ill	nickel	skier
illness	original	slippers
image	pill	spill
impotent	primitive	thrill
liberty	principal	thriller
limb (*silent "b")	principle	thrilling
limit	prison	thin
living	river	tin
linear	signal	trigger
liquid	significant	vision
military	simplify	

Linux Operating System" is pronounced with a short -i- (like "e") and the 1st syllable is stressed as in "LE-nucks".

Listen and repeat:

I know this **guide** to the sound of the letter **-i-** in American English will calm my **anxiety** about pronunciation. It's perhaps not **thrilling** to do these exercises, but in a short time I will have a general **vision** of a **significant** aspect of English. Marianne has tried to **simplify** and **analyze** the different "problem words". Of course she had to **limit** her choice of words, but since I am not a **beginner** I will quickly learn the "science of pronunciation" on my way to becoming **bilingual**! Perhaps in the future **scientists** will put **microchips** or **microprocessors** in our brains that will be driven by **dials** and **wireless** systems. That kind of **digital** innovation could **trigger illnesses** and **limit** our **liberty**. So let's hope we can keep our **rights** and **survive** in the **digital** world!

That is the end of today's podcast. Thank you for listening and don't forget to keep smiling!