

Lesson 1, Part 1

The long **i** sound spelled with “**ie**” as in “**tie**”



Meaning of a long vowel: The “**i**” is said to have a long sound when it sounds like the name of the letter **I**. The “**i**” in “**tie**” sounds like the name of the letter **I** and that makes a long **i**. Again, the long **i** sounds like the name of the letter **I**.



Compare short **i** with long **i** and then compare homonyms of long **i**:

did, **died**

lid, **lied**

died, **dyed**

lie, **lye**

die, **dye**, **dy·nam·ic**

tied, **tide**



The two vowels walking Rule: When two vowels are walking, the first one does the talking.

lid and lied

Details: Compare “**lid**” with “**lied**.” As in “**lied**,” when the two vowels “**i**” and “**e**” are next to each other (walking), the first one “**i**” does the talking and the second one “**e**” is silent. The first one “**i**” does the talking means that it has a sound and that sound is a long sound, just like the name of the letter **I**. The silent “**e**” is there just to help the “**i**” sound like an **I**. When we say that the “**i**” does the talking, we mean the “**i**” is able to sound long like the name of the letter **I**.

Similarly, as in the syllable “**lie**’” in “**be·lie**’,” when “**i**” and “**e**” are next to each other in a syllable that is stressed, the “**i**” has the sound of the letter **I**, and the “**e**” is silent.

Know that the “two vowels walking rule” applies only to two vowels, which are in the same syllable and that syllable must be stressed. Moreover, the rule applies only to specific two vowels, not to any two vowels next to one another. All such specific two vowels are made available in the book entitled *Learn to Spell 500 Words a Day* by Camilia Sadik.

ie = i

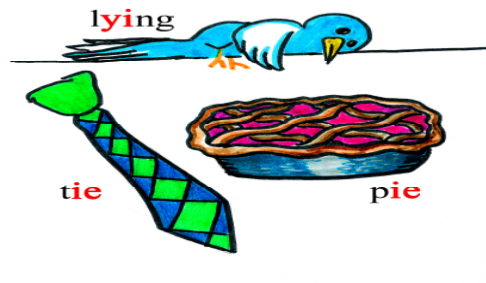
**When two vowels are walking,
the first one does the talking.**

Reading aloud slowly: Read aloud slowly all the practice lessons in *Camilia's Program™*; read aloud whether asked or not asked to do so. Reading aloud is for using three senses simultaneously; learners need to see the word, hear it, and feel it in their mouths as they utter it. Read slowly to see the way words are spelled and to avoid hurrying and seeing letters in a crisscross manner. To prevent dyslexia, avoid speed-reading before learning to read. If in a classroom, students need to read aloud together in one rhythm. If not in a classroom, they may read aloud alone.



The “**ie**” phonic occurs in approximately **24** words:

tie	ties	tied
neck· tie	die	dies
died	lie	lies
lied	li·ar	be· lie
be· lied	un·der· lie	pie
pies	vie	vies
vied	lie	lie down
lies down	lied down	



Adding “-ing” to some of the above words, changes the “**ie**” to a “**y**”:

tie → ty ·ing	die → dy ·ing
vie → vy ·ing	to lie down→ ly ·ing
to tell a lie → ly ·ing	be· lie →be· ly ·ing
un·der· lie →un·der· ly ·ing	

Lesson 1, part 2

The long **i** sound spelled with “**ye**” as in “**dye**”



The “y” as a vowel: The “y” at the end of words becomes a vowel, as in by, day, lucky, monkey, and boy. Inside words, the “y” can become the vowel “i” as in type, dye, and gym.

As in “dye,” when the two vowels “y” and “e” are next to each other (walking) in a stressed syllable, the first one “y” does the talking and the second one “e” is silent. The first one “y” does the talking means that it has a sound and that sound is a long sound, just like the name of the letter **I**. The silent “e” is there just to help the “y” sound like the name of the letter **I**.

dye or die

Compare: Compare “dye” with “die.” Perhaps this spelling pattern of long **i** was created or accepted into English to tell apart homonyms like “dye” and “die,” and once the pattern was used, more words ended up being spelled with it. This “ye” spelling pattern of the long “i” occurs at the end of a limited number of words.

ye = i



Compare homonyms of long **i**:

by, **bye**

dye, die

eye, **I**

lye, lie



The “ye” phonic occurs in approximately **18** words; read them aloud slowly:

bye

bye-bye

good·**bye**

dye

dyed

dye·ing

eye

eyes

eyed

eye·ing

eye·balls

eye·brows

eye·lids

eye·liner

eye-to-**eye**

rye

ryes

lye