

## LESSON SIX

**Module:** Reading Comprehension

**Grade:** Freshman

**Topic:** English Diphthongs

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**Phonological Awareness:** *Read the columns of words, and then establish the spelling rules.*

/aɪ/

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<b>Tie</b>	By	Cry	Byte	<b>Time</b>	Behind	<b>Sigh</b>	Guy	Nullify
<b>Pie</b>	My	Fry	Neophyte	<b>Dime</b>	<b>Find</b>	<b>Night</b>	Buy	occupy
<b>Lie</b>	Thy	Dry	<b>Lyle</b>	<b>Lime</b>	<b>Kind</b>	<b>Knight</b>		preoccupy
<b>Die</b>	Sky	Pry	<b>Kyle</b>	<b>Fine</b>	<b>Bind</b>	<b>Light</b>		Certify
			Byron	<b>Crime</b>	<b>Wind</b> [verb]	<b>Might</b>		Verify
				<b>Shrine</b>	<b>Mind</b>	<b>Fight</b>		

**Exceptions:** *Although some proper names end in y, they do not sound /aɪ/.*

Bartleby

Ashby

Cosby

**Exceptions:** *A good deal of words in English are loan words. Therefore, they have retained their spelling but often lost their original sounding.*

Syllabi

Alumni

Foci

Stimuli

### Read Outloud

1. My bicycle is propped against the shrine.
2. Society occupies most of his studies because the crime rate is too high.
3. External stimuli might lead to fight by knights at night.
4. Don't cry; time will cure the fire you feel in your heart.
5. Educators think it is high time for new syllabi to certify quality education.
6. Don't lie about the pie that Kyle, Lyle, and Guy fried in the dry pan.
7. My find is behind the fine china that Mike Knight buys at Guy's Boutique.
8. Lord Byron met his friend Bartleby at the Pineview Park.
9. The neophyte with the red tie bites in the pie and doesn't mind the sour lime.
10. A dime is 10 cents. Do please verify you have a dime before you make a phone call to Lyle Sykes who lives at Blue Sky City.
11. You might wind your watch and bind the laces around your wrist.

12. Ashby sighs at night behind Guy's back but Guy finds out and binds Ashby's mouth.
13. The alumni's foci points are quality education should be based on teachers' warmth and good teachers' can teach in a tent.
14. You should pay a dime to see the lion in the cage.

### Expressions of the Day

**A.** The word *help* comes to be used in a number of idiomatic expression. An idiomatic expression refers to an expression whose meanings cannot be inferred from the meanings of the words that make it up<sup>1</sup>.

1. *I cannot help it.* This expression means it is not possible for you to stop something. In Arabic, it may be translated into شيء أقوى مني and in French "c'est plus fort que moi."

A: Can't you stop laughing? You are going to embarrass yourself!

B: Sorry, I *cannot help it*. The situation is so funny I *cannot help laughing*.

2. *Help yourself.* This expression is used to say that you can serve yourself to something.

A: *Can I help myself to* another piece of this *Black Forest Gateau*?

B: Be my guest. And why don't you *help yourself to* these pancakes as well?

➤ "*Help yourself to* these hands as you go out." The teacher said.

**Task:** Fill in the gaps.

1. The teacher said that we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to the handouts.
2. I like to give some money to the poor even if they dramatize their situation. I just \_\_\_\_\_.
3. John \_\_\_\_\_ smoking. He has smoked all his life.
4. This chocolate gateau is tasty. Please, \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ but admire her resilience.
6. Can I \_\_\_\_\_ myself to your tea?

**B. Dare:** It is used to express to:

1. **Dare:** It can be used to express "lack of fear". Its Arabic equivalent is "جراً على" whilst in French is "oser".

➤ Leila **dared to** give him a piece of her mind.

➤ I **didn't dare** to ask my Dad for more money.

➤ Karim **dares to** ask silly questions when it is impossible for you to answer.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/idiomatic%20expression>

2. **Don't dare to do/ be:** This phrase is used to *discourage* somebody to do or be something. In Arabic, it could be translated to “إياك أن” while in French it could be “
- *Don't dare to* tell me lies. Honesty is the best policy.
  - *Don't dare to* plagiarize. Your work should be your own. I mean it should be authentic.
  - *Don't dare to* take drugs. Addiction to drugs is a serious problem.

**Task:** *Fill in the gaps*

1. Most students lack self-confidence and \_\_\_\_\_ ask question for fear of being ridiculed.
2. When you promise to deliver something, you should \_\_\_\_\_ to break your promise.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to be creative.
4. You can't help it but to \_\_\_\_\_ to excel in this information age.
5. A: You big mouth liar! B: How \_\_\_\_\_ you?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ to go beyond your limits, Einstein advises.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ to give false promises!
8. \_\_\_\_\_ to read thick novels in English.
9. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to tell the teacher that I cheated on the test, you little jerk!
10. \_\_\_\_\_ to tell the truth no matter what.