## Which Vowel Sound?

Say each word in the list below. Decide what vowel sound it contains and write the word in the box with the same sound. There should be three words in each box.

| Say   | Made  | Sad   | Still | Trip  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cap   | Next  | Big   | Spell | Red   |
| Three | Clean | Drank | Paid  | Leave |

| 1. /iy/ beet | 2. /ɪ/ bit | 3./ey/ bait | 4. /ε/ bet | 5. /æ/ bat |
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## **Teacher's Notes: Which Vowel Sound? Listening Discrimination Practice**

The purpose of this sound-sorting activity is to practice hearing and identifying sounds. The handout has boxes for some of the vowel sounds, each labeled with a phonemic symbol and an example word. Practice the example words in each box and the words in the list at the top of the page. In pairs, students decide which sound is found in each word and write them in the correct boxes. A similar activity can be done by writing each word on a card and having students sort the cards into groups based on the vowel sound they contain.

## Which Vowel Sound? Answer Key

| 1. /iy/ beet | 2. /ɪ/ bit | 3./ey/ bait | 4. /ε/ bet | 5. /æ/ bat |
|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| three        | big        | say         | next       | сар        |
| clean        | still      | made        | spell      | sad        |
| leave        | trip       | paid        | red        | drank      |