

Lesson 53: i=Long E and et = Long A

Phonics Rule: In words that come from Latin and other Romance Languages, the “i” has a third sound: Long E.

piano	patio	pizza
radio	kiwi	police
pina colada	chili	fiesta
siesta	burrito	sierra
marina	viva	ski
fajita (pronounced “fuh-HEET-uh”)		studio
mesquite (pronounced “mes-KEET”)		safari
zucchini	spaghetti	linguini
macaroni	ravioli	pepperoni
diva	prima ballerina	confetti
arpeggio	trio	audience
Arianna	Kristina	antiques
taxi	sepia	timpani
shrimp scampi	malaria	broccoli

Phonics Rule: French words ending in “et” say Long A.

ballet

buffet

crochet

croquet

bouquet

Claude Monet

My Sister, the Prima Ballerina

My name is Josiah. I have a sister named **Arianna Kristina**. She loves to dance. She takes classes at a dance **studio** here in town. She is so diligent -- she practices many hours every day and is VERY good. Last year, she was the **prima ballerina** in a **ballet** that her **studio** produced. It was a really big deal, and our family from all over the nation came to watch her. My favorite part was the beginning. As the **piano** played an **arpeggio**, the spotlight suddenly came up on my sister.



She looked amazing! At the end of the **ballet**, we got a surprise. In the audience, the President and First Lady were watching! The **ballet** director invited the President to come to up to the stage to speak, and he congratulated the entire **ballet** company on their fantastic performance.

After the **ballet**, I gave my sister a **bouquet** of flowers, and the whole family took pictures of her with the President and First Lady. (We printed one excellent picture in **sepia**, framed it, and now have it hanging on our living room wall.) Then we all went out to eat at an international **buffet**.

Oh, what a feast we had!!! There was **pepperoni pizza**, **macaroni** and cheese, **ravioli**, **spaghetti**, **linguini** with **zucchini**, **burritos**, **chili**, **fajitas**, **mesquite** chicken, shrimp **scampi**, **broccoli** with cheese, an immense salad bar, and a fruit salad with strawberries, peaches, blueberries, and **kiwis**. We had quite a **fiesta**! It was a pleasant evening, so we all sat outside on the restaurant's **patio** to eat. For dessert, we had ice cream with **confetti** sprinkles. Everyone was happy and congratulated my sister on a job well done.



My sister plans to continue being diligent in her **ballet** studies. When she grows up, she wants to be a **ballet** instructor and help other children have this wonderful experience!

“Seest thou a man diligent in his business?

He shall stand before kings,

he shall not stand before mean men.”

Proverbs 22:29, King James Version.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: What skill are you learning? What would it take for you to become the best in your field of study? Can you imagine being asked by the President of the United States or another nation’s leader to use your skill to benefit his or her nation?