

Pronunciation

Minimal Pairs /d/ /ð/ words like DAY and THEY

Activity 1

Listen to your teacher saying the words in Column 1 and Column 2 below.

Column 1

day
doze
den
udders
breed
load
header

Column 2

they
those
then
others
breathe
loathe
heather

Activity 2

Listen to your teacher saying one of the words from Activity 1. Say if you think the word is in Column 1 or Column 2.

Activity 3

Listen to your teacher saying two words from Activity 1. If the words are the same, circle S below. If you think the words are different, circle D below.

1. S D 2. S D 3. S D 4. S D 5. S D
6. S D 7. S D 8. S D 9. S D 10. S D

Activity 4

Listen to your teacher reading the sentences below. Circle the word you hear.

1. She made him doze/those.
2. I saw her den/then.
3. What colour were the udders/others?
4. We will not survive unless we breed/breathe.
5. We load/loathe cardboard boxes.
6. The header/heather was amazing.

Activity 5

Imagine you are the teacher now! Work with a partner and repeat the activities above. Then swap roles.