

# Pronunciation

## Minimal Pairs /æ/ /ʌ/ words like CAP and CUP

### Activity 1

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

#### Column 1

cap  
hat  
ran  
match  
ankle  
drank  
fan  
cat  
began

#### Column 2

cup  
hut  
run  
much  
uncle  
drunk  
fun  
cut  
began

### 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. He picked up his cap/cup.
2. We couldn't find the hat/hut.
3. I ran/run in the park every day.
4. I didn't like that match/much.
5. There are three caps/cups on the table.
6. Which hat/hut is yours?
7. We often ran/run to school.
8. He isn't enjoying this match/much.
9. It was a very large cat/cut.
10. He admired her ankles/uncles.

### Activity 5

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