

Pronunciation

Minimal Pairs /ɪ/ /i:/ words like FIT and FEET

Activity 1

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

Column 1

fit
bins
lick
ship
chip
hit
it
sin
wick

Column 2

feet
beans
leek
sheep
cheap
heat
eat
seen
week

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. They need more bins/beans.
2. Do you want a lick/leek?
3. He wants to buy the ship/sheep.
4. I can't give you this chip/cheap.
5. You mustn't hit/heat it.
6. He does it/eat sometimes.
7. It was a long wick/week.

Activity 5

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