

Pronunciation

Minimal Pair

words like **TANK** and **THANK** /t/ /θ/

Activity 1

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

Column 1

tank
ties
boat
tin
taught
tick
part

Column 2

thank
thighs
both
thin
thought
thick
path

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 didn't want any tanks/thanks.
2. He doesn't like big ties/thighs.
3. They are boat/both captains.
4. The story was about a tin/thin soldier.
5. She taught/thought a lot.
6. It wasn't a very big part/path.

Activity 5

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