

Pronunciation

Minimal Pair

words like LICK and LIKE /ɪ/ /aɪ/

Activity 1

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

Column 1

lick
win
is
tip
fit
bit
lit
fill
dinner
strips

Column 2

like
wine
eyes
type
fight
bite
light
file
diner
stripes

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. We lick/like ice-cream.
2. Can I have a bit/bite, please?
3. It was a very good win/wine.
4. You have to tip/type a lot.
5. He had a fit/fight yesterday.
6. Can you file/fill these, please?
7. The room wasn't lit/light.
8. The strips/stripes were black and white.

Activity 5

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

