

Pronunciation

Minimal Pairs /ʌ/ /ɒ/ words like BUS and BOSS

Activity 1

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

Column 1

bus
gun
puppy
shut
sung
cut
luck
colour

Column 2

boss
gone
poppy
shot
song
cot
lock
collar

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. Do you like the new bus/boss?
2. She would like to have a puppy/poppy.
3. I don't know why they shut/shot it.
4. That is a big cut/cot!
5. He doesn't like that colour/collar.
6. She had no luck/lock, unfortunately.

Activity 5

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