

Pronunciation

Minimal Pair

words like PEAS and PEACE /z/ /s/

Activity 1

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

Column 1

peas
knees
phase
eyes
buzz
pens
plays
prize
lies
raise
cause

Column 2

peace
niece
face
ice
bus
pence
place
price
lice
race
course

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 want some peas/peace.
2. He loves her knees/niece.
3. She finds blue eyes/ice beautiful.
4. Can you hear a buzz/bus?
5. He has ten pens/pence.
6. The prize/price is fantastic.
7. She will not tolerate lies/lice.
8. What was the cause/course?
9. He didn't like the plays/place at all.
10. He wasn't happy about the raise/race.

Activity 5

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