

Pronunciation

Minimal Pair

words like **THIN** and **THING** /n/ /ŋ/

Activity 1

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

Column 1

thin
sun
wins
ban
sins
ran
fan
kin

Column 2

thing
sung
wings
bang
sings
rang
fang
king

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. He never sins/sings.
2. The ban/bang surprised everyone.
3. He had two impressive wins/wings.
4. Your brother ran/rang yesterday.
5. She had two white fans/fangs.
6. Nobody is more important than your kin/king.

Activity 5

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