

Pronunciation

Minimal Pairs /f/ /v/ words like FAN and VAN

Activity 1

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

Column 1

fan
off
fine
fault
safe
lift
calf
file

Column 2

van
of
vine
vault
save
lived
carve
vile

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. She bought a new fan/van.
2. He took a lot off/of it.
3. He thought it was a very big fine/vine.
4. There was a large fault/vault in the ceiling.
5. It was an excellent safe/save.
6. We lift/lived it up.

Activity 5

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