

Pronunciation

Minimal Pair

words like **VERY** and **BERRY** /v/ /b/

Activity 1

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

Column 1

very
vote
veils
vicar
volts
TV

Column 2

berry/bury
boat
bales/bails
bicker
bolts
TB

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. The colour was very/berry red.
2. They bought ten veils/bales yesterday.
3. Please don't, Vicar/bicker.
4. We need more volts/bolts now!
5. They want the vote/boat as soon as possible.
6. They don't have TV/TB here.

Activity 5

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