

Pronunciation

Minimal Pair

words like **MEAT** and **NEAT** /m/ /n/

Activity 1

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

Column 1

meat
mice
males
some
same
a mother
meal
limes
them
warned

Column 2

neat
nice
nails
sun/son
sane
another
kneel
lines
then
warned

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. Is that meat/neat?
2. I think it's mice/nice.
3. There aren't enough males/nails.
4. She wants some/sun.
5. It's not the same/sane answer.
6. They need a mother/another.
7. There were only 6 limes/lines.
8. She didn't leave them/then.
9. His mother warned/warned him.

Activity 5

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