

ENGLISH Pronunciation PRACTICE



Say what? You bet him or you beat him?

**18 Pair Activities
for Common Conversation Topics**

GUNTHER BREAUX

For English students, from middle school to adult

Most non-native speakers have trouble with certain sounds of English because they do not have those sounds in the their own language. For example:

L	R	N	W
<i>light</i>	<i>right</i>	<i>night</i>	<i>white</i>
<i>low</i>	<i>row</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>woe</i>
<i>life</i>	<i>rife</i>	<i>knife</i>	<i>wife</i>
<i>lack</i>	<i>rack</i>	<i>nack</i>	<i>wack</i>
<i>lead</i>	<i>read</i>	<i>need</i>	<i>weed</i>

B	P	F	V
<i>ban</i>	<i>pan</i>	<i>fan</i>	<i>van</i>
<i>bet</i>	<i>pet</i>	<i>fet</i>	<i>vet</i>
<i>bile</i>	<i>pile</i>	<i>file</i>	<i>vile</i>
<i>base</i>	<i>pace</i>	<i>face</i>	<i>vase</i>
<i>bat</i>	<i>pat</i>	<i>fat</i>	<i>vat</i>

i	æ	ε	ɪ
<i>beat</i>	<i>bat</i>	<i>bet</i>	<i>bit</i>
<i>seat</i>	<i>sat</i>	<i>set</i>	<i>sit</i>
<i>meet</i>	<i>mat</i>	<i>met</i>	<i>mitt</i>
<i>deed</i>	<i>dad</i>	<i>dead</i>	<i>did</i>
<i>lead</i>	<i>lad</i>	<i>led</i>	<i>lid</i>

Here are 18 information-gap, pair-activities for common EFL topics

For example, when you're covering the **FOOD** unit in your class, use the **FOOD** unit here to improve pronunciation.

Vocabulary will also be improved because the answer words are topic words such as: *brunch, buffet, crispy, vegetarian*.

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Is it easy to improve pronunciation?

No. It's hard. Very hard. And every year it gets harder.

Pronunciation is not an intellectual activity.

It is a muscular activity that requires **repetitive** practice.

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How repetitive?

Each activity requires each student to ask about 70 questions which require precise pronunciation: *Did you say bat or beat?*

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Each activity takes about 30 minutes. The games gradually get more difficult, but students improve so the time remains about the same.

All human learning can be summed up in three words:
watch, try, repeat.

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Here's your co-teacher for pronunciation

WHO IS THIS BOOK FOR?

EFL students, from middle school to adult.

Virtually all non-native speakers have trouble with certain sounds of English, primarily because they do not have those sounds in their native languages. Therefore, they have no habit discerning nor producing these sounds.

These are some of the main sounds that EFL students have trouble with.

L	R	N	W	B	P	F	V	i	æ	ε	ɪ	G, J	Ch	Z	Sh
<i>lip</i>	<i>rip</i>	<i>nip</i>	<i>whip</i>	<i>base</i>	<i>pace</i>	<i>face</i>	<i>vase</i>	<i>beat</i>	<i>bat</i>	<i>bet</i>	<i>bit</i>	<i>gin</i>	<i>chin</i>	<i>zen</i>	<i>shin</i>
<i>lay</i>	<i>ray</i>	<i>nay</i>	<i>way</i>	<i>bed</i>	<i>ped</i>	<i>fed</i>	<i>ved</i>	<i>seat</i>	<i>sat</i>	<i>set</i>	<i>sit</i>	<i>gyp</i>	<i>chip</i>	<i>zip</i>	<i>ship</i>
<i>lead</i>	<i>read</i>	<i>need</i>	<i>weed</i>	<i>bat</i>	<i>pat</i>	<i>fat</i>	<i>vat</i>	<i>meet</i>	<i>mat</i>	<i>met</i>	<i>mitt</i>	<i>jew</i>	<i>chew</i>	<i>zoo</i>	<i>shoe</i>
<i>low</i>	<i>row</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>woe</i>	<i>bar</i>	<i>par</i>	<i>far</i>	<i>var</i>	<i>deed</i>	<i>dad</i>	<i>dead</i>	<i>did</i>	<i>Jane</i>	<i>chain</i>	<i>Zane</i>	<i>Shane</i>

WHAT IS IT?

16 Battleship type, information-gap, pair activities for the 16 most common ESL textbook topics. Thus, you can have a pronunciation focus with whatever unit or topic you are covering.

The usual coordinates for a battleship game are A, B, C, and 1, 2, 3. These are easy to distinguish and pronounce. These **COORDINATE WORDS** feature the most difficult sounds for Koreans to distinguish and pronounce, such as: *light, right, night, white, and beat, bat, bet, bit.*

The **ANSWER WORDS** are vocabulary from the ESL topic, for example, FOOD: *appetizer, bland, brunch, buffet, crispy, waitress, vegetarian.*

HOW LONG?

The activities can take from 20 to 40 minutes. Body language is encouraged. This fundamental task is to communicate. Pairs that finish first check their answers and then talk about the topic.

After everyone has finished, pronounce all the words coordinate words again.

"Next week, we'll do it again, with a new topic, with new partners."

WHY?

Because French people speak English with a French accent. Chinese speak English with a Chinese accent. For their whole life their mouth muscles have been used differently. Pronunciation is about muscles and muscles require EXTENSIVE practice. Here is extensive practice – directly related to the topic being covered.

Tell your students this:

Einstein spoke English with a heavy accent. Are you smarter than him? No! No way. So, don't rely on your brains to improve your English pronunciation. Pronunciation is about muscles, and muscles require repetitive practice.



STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

STUDENT A

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	M	O	T	H	E	R		
2					E			
3			U	N	C	L	E	
4					A			
5			S	I	S	T	E	R
6					I			
7					V			
8		N	E	P	H	E	W	

Student B is looking for these words

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	///							
2	///							
3		F						
4	///	A	U					
5		T						
6		H						
7		E						
8		R						

1. **YOU** are trying to find the names of 4 relatives in the squares above.
2. **YOUR PARTNER** has the answers you need at the top of her sheet.
3. **YOU** have the answers your partner needs at the top of your sheet.

STUDENT B

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1			C	O	U	S	I	N
2								E
3		F						I
4		A	U	N	T			C
5		T						E
6		H						
7		E						
8	B	R	O	T	H	E	R	

Here are student A's answers

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	M	O	T	H	E	R		
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								

4. **So, you take turns asking 4 questions.**

Is there a letter at 1 and A? **No.**
Is there a letter at 1 and B? **No.**
Is there a letter at 4 and C? **Yes, a U.**
AUNCLE!
Is there a letter at 4 and D? **Yes, N.**
AUNT!

In the first activity, FAMILY, instead of 1, 2, 3 and A, B, C (which are easy to pronounce), you will use words that sound alike, such as: **light, right, white, night; ban pan, fan, van; seat, sat, set, sit**

Me: *Is there a letter in **RIGHT** and **FAN**?*
 You: *Wait. Did you say **LIGHT**, like in the sun?*
 Me: *No. **RIGHT**, like in correct.*
 You: *OK, got it. Wait, did you say **PAN**, like to cook, or **FAN** like the wind?*
 Me: ***FAN**, like electric fan.*
 You: *OK, I got it. No, there is no letter there.*

There will be confusion.

Clearing up that confusion will require real communication, and improve your pronunciation and listening.

30 - 40 minutes later, their sheets look like this

4 FOOD

1. In squares below, you are looking for 13 FOOD vocabulary. There are 10 horizontal words and 3 vertical.

2. Your partner has your answers on the bottom of their sheet, and you have your partner's answers at the bottom of this sheet.

L	R	N	N	P	P	R	R	I	R	I	I	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
leaf	leaf	leaf	leaf	leaf	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear
leaf	leaf	leaf	leaf	leaf	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear	pear

CRITICALS

- Whenever you guess wrong, find the coordinate and scratch it out.
- You only get 1 question, then your partner asks questions.
- Could you guess you were, but if you guess wrong, you lose points.
- It might be something like this:
 (EE) Is there a letter of **APPLE** and **APPLE**?
 (MM) Did you say **APPLE** or **APPLE**?
 (EE) **APPLE**, like **Apple** is.
 (MM) **APPLE**, did you say **APPLE** or **APPLE**?
 (EE) I said **APPLE**, like **Apple**.
 (MM) No.
 (EE) Is there a letter of **APPLE** and **APPLE**?

RANDOM PHRASES:
 Apple pie, like **Apple** pie.
 Your fruit, say **Apple**, what's **Apple**?
 That's not how you spell **APPLE**!

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Details

- Whenever students guess wrong, they scratch out the block so they don't ask about block again.
- Students can guess, this speeds things up. For example, most could guess after knowing: "APPETIZ"
- The top of each sheet tells students how many horizontal and vertical words they are looking for.
- Encourage students to pronounce clearly, and to give examples if necessary:
Berry, like the fruit. Ferry, like a boat. Ray like an X-ray. Near, like close by.
- There will be confusion. For example, a student might confuse **ray** with **way**, and: a) give wrong answers for the whole row, or b) write the answers in the wrong row. Clearing up this confusion is fun, and builds pronunciation and communication skills.
- After pair group finishes, have them check their answers, then talk about the topic.
- After everybody finishes, pronounce the coordinate words again. Twice.

Outcome

Each game has about 70 answer vocabulary. After finishing, each student has pronounced about 140 words that sound alike, and tried to comprehend 140 words.

That is repetitive practice.

They are better.



1 FAMILY

You are looking for 9 FAMILY vocabulary. 4 are written across and 5 are vertical.

- To find the vocabulary word, you ask if there is a letter in a certain square, for example:
Is there a letter in 1 and A? Your partner will answer YES or NO.
- Your partner has the information you need at the top of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.



Practice this first.

2:10

L	R	N	W	B	P	F	V	i	æ	ε	I	Th	T	D
lay	ray	nay	way	bail	pale	fail	veil	bead	bad	bed	bid	them	Tim	dim
led	red	Ned	wed	bare	pair	fare	vare	deed	dad	dead	did	theme	team	deem
light	right	night	white	bat	pat	fat	vat	feed	fad	fed	fid	there	tear	dare

	A	B	C	van - æ	ban - æ	pan - æ	fan - æ	bat - æ	bet - ε	beat - i	bit - i
1			A	N	C	E	S	T	O	R	S
2			L								
3			L			C	O	U	S	I	N
white	C	L	O	S	E						
right			W							L	
light	G	R	A	N	D	F	A	T	H	E	R
night	R		N				U			N	
lay	A		C				N			I	
ray	V		E				T			E	
way	E									N	
nay				I	N	H	E	R	I	T	



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	A	B	C	van - æ	ban - æ	pan - æ	fan - æ	bat - æ	bet - ε	beat - i	bit - i
1									S		
2				R	E	L	A	T	I	V	E
3									B		
white									L		
right									I		
light									N		
night									G		
lay											
ray											
way											
nay											

DETAILS

- Always use the words on the left first, then the words on the top, for example 1 and A, 2 and B.
- You ask 4 questions, then your partner asks 4 questions.
- Guess whenever you want, but if you guess wrong, you lose a turn.
- It will go something like this:
LEE: *Is there a letter at RIGHT and FAN?*
KIM: *Did you say VAN or FAN?*
LEE: *FAN, like to move the wind.*
KIM: *Wait. Did you say RIGHT or NIGHT?*
LEE: *I said RIGHT, like in correct*
KIM: *No.*
LEE: *Fine! Is there a letter at LAY and FAN?*

- If you find a square with a letter in it, ask about the square above or below it, or to the right or left. The more letters you know, the easier it will be to guess.
- The better you get at pronouncing, the faster the game goes. *Cool.*
- After you finish, talk about your personality. Your parents. Last weekend, next weekend. Talk about whatever.

HANDY PHRASES:

*Again please. Louder please.
Your turn. My turn. Whose turn?
Du-uh. That's not how you spell NIECE!*

2 HOBBIES

You are looking for 9 HOBBY vocabulary. 4 are written across and 5 are vertical.

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late	rate	Nate	wait	beer	peer	fear	veer	heat	hat	het	hit	gin	chin	zen	shin
leer	rear	near	we're	bew	pew	few	view	least	last	lest	list	gyp	chip	zip	ship
life	rife	knife	wife	ban	pan	fan	van	meet	mat	met	mitt	jew	chew	zoo	shoe

line	C	A	M	P	I	N	G		G	O	L	F					
wine		E															
nine		R		C			B										
Rhine	P	H	O	T	O	G	R	A	P	H	Y						
lock		B		O			D										
rock		I		K			M					S					
knock		C		I			I					K					
wok		S		N			N					I					
wrap				G			T	E	N	N	I	S					
lap							O					N					
nap		D	R	A	W	I	N	G				G					



1:10

line																	
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nap																	

DETAILS

- Always use the words on the left first, then the words on the top, for example **LINE** and **FAST**.
- You ask 4 questions, then your partner asks 4 questions.
- Guess whenever you want, but if you guess wrong, you lose a turn.

6. It will go something like this:

LEE: *Is there a letter at LINE and FAST?*

KIM: *Did you say LINE or WINE?*

LEE: *LINE, like a straight line.*

KIM: *Wait. Did you say FAST or FIST?*

LEE: *I said FAST, like quickly.*

KIM: *No.*

LEE: *Is there a letter at WINE and FIST?*

- If you find a square with a letter in it, then ask about the square above or below it, or to the right or left.
- After you finish, talk about your hobby. Your parents. Last weekend. *Whatever.*

HANDY PHRASES:

*Again please. Louder please.
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That's not how you spell SKIING!*

2 HOBBIES

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leer	rear	near	we're	bew	pew	few	view	least	last	lest	list	gyp	chip	zip	ship
life	rife	knife	wife	ban	pan	fan	van	meet	mat	met	mitt	jew	chew	zoo	shoe

			Y	O	G	A			P							
wine	A								A							
nine	S			S	W	I	M	M	I	N	G					
Rhine	T									N						
lock	R		B		D					T		R				
rock	O		O		A					I		E				
knock	N		W		N					N		A				
wok	C	O	L	L	E	C	T	I	N	G			D			
wrap	M		I		I								I			
lap	Y		N		N		H	I	K	I	N	G				
nap			G		G								G			



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3 PERSONALITY

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But first, a little practice.



4:38

pat - æ fat - æ bat - æ vat - æ bet - ε beat - i bit - I pair - εə bear - εə dare - εə fair - εə vare - εə

read	L			O										
weed	I		P	U	N	C	T	U	A	L				
lead	A			T						E				
need	R			G				L	O	N	E	R		
white		M		O						I				
right	P	O	L	I	T	E				E				M
light		D		N						N				O
night		E		G				N	E	A	T			D
low		S												E
row		T		H	O	N	E	S	T					R
woah														N

i	æ	ε	I
feed	fad	fed	fid
seed	sad	said	Sid
seen	san	sen	sin
lead	lad	led	lid
beat	bat	bet	bit
meet	mat	met	mitt
feast	fast	fest	fist
seat	sat	set	sit

L	R	N	W
leak	reek	neek	week
link	rink	nink	wink
led	red	Ned	wed
lip	rip	nip	whip
leel	real	kneel	wheel
lock	rock	nock	wok
leer	rear	near	we're
low	row	no	woe



1:08

pat - æ fat - æ bat - æ vat - æ bet - ε beat - i bit - I pair - εə bear - εə dare - εə fair - εə vare - εə

read														
weed														
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need								L	O	N	E	R		
white														
right														
light														
night														
low														
row														
woah														

B	P	F	V
by	pie	phi	vie
bine	pine	fine	vine
ban	pan	fan	van
bare	pair	fare	vare
bast	past	fast	vast
bed	ped	fed	ved
beer	peer	fear	veer
bet	pet	fet	vet

Th	T	D
them	Tim	dim
theme	team	deem
there	tear	dare
therm	term	derm
threw	true	drew

3 PERSONALITY

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- To find the vocabulary word, you ask if there is a letter in a certain square, for example:
Is there a letter in 1 and A? Your partner will answer YES or NO.
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weed	T			O				E				
lead	T	R	A	D	I	T	I	O	N	A	L	
need	I			N				E		A		
white	C			E		R		R		T		
right	T			R		U		O		E		
light			M			D		U				
night	C	H	E	A	P		E		S	H	Y	
low			S									
row			S			P	A	T	I	E	N	T
woah			Y									

But first, a little practice.  **4:38**

i	æ	ε	I
feed	fad	fed	fid
seed	sad	said	Sid
seen	san	sen	sin
lead	lad	led	lid
beat	bat	bet	bit
meet	mat	met	mitt
feast	fast	fest	fist
seat	sat	set	sit

L	R	N	W
leak	reek	neek	week
link	rink	nink	wink
led	red	Ned	wed
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leel	real	kneel	wheel
lock	rock	nock	wok
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woah											

B	P	F	V
by	pie	phi	vie
bine	pine	fine	vine
ban	pan	fan	van
bare	pair	fare	vare
bast	past	fast	vast
bed	ped	fed	ved
beer	peer	fear	veer
bet	pet	fet	vet

Th	T	D
them	Tim	dim
theme	team	deem
there	tear	dare
therm	term	derm
threw	true	drew

6 SCHOOL

You are looking for 12 SCHOOL vocabulary. 6 are horizontal and 6 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

fool - u full - u pool - u pull - u fast - æ feast - i fest - ε fist - i pest - ε past - æ vast - æ vest - ε best - ε

But first, a little practice.



4:38

redder			D				E	X	C	U	S	E	
leather			O			F							
weather	S		R		B	R	A	I	N	I	A	C	
lack	T		M			A						H	
rack	R		I			T		G	R	A	D	E	
nack	I		T			E						A	
wack	S	C	H	O	L	A	R	S	H	I	P	T	
life		T		R			N						
wife	G			Y		L	I	B	R	A	R	Y	
knife	P						T						
rife	A		S	T	U	D	Y		M	A	J	O	R

i	æ	ε	I
read	rad	red	rid
beat	bat	bet	bit
feed	fad	fed	fid
he'd	had	head	hid
lead	lad	led	lid
lease	lass	less	liss
meet	mat	met	mitt
seat	sat	set	sit

L	R	N	W
lack	rack	nack	wack
late	rate	Nate	wait
led	red	Ned	wed
leer	rear	near	we're
life	rife	knife	wife
light	right	night	white
lip	rip	nip	whip
low	row	no	woe



1:15

fool - u full - u pool - u pull - u fast - æ feast - i fest - ε fist - i pest - ε past - æ vast - æ vest - ε best - ε

redder													
leather													
weather													
lack													
rack													
nack													
wack													
life							A	B	S	E	N	T	
wife													
knife													
rife													

B	P	F	V
ban	pan	fan	van
base	pace	face	vase
bat	pat	fat	vat
beer	peer	fear	veer
berry	Perry	ferry	very
bet	pet	fet	vet
bile	pile	file	vile
by	pie	phi	vie

G, J	Ch	Z	Sh
gin	chin	zen	shin
gyp	chip	zip	ship
Jane	chain	Zane	Shane
jew	chew	zoo	shoe

6 SCHOOL

You are looking for 12 SCHOOL vocabulary. 7 are horizontal and 5 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

But first, a little practice.



4:38

fool - u full - u pool - u pull - u fast - æ feast - i fest - ε fist - I pest - ε past - æ vast - æ vest - ε best - ε

redder					B				S				
leather				C	O	E	D		Y				
weather					O				L				E
lack	F	L	U	N	K				L				S
rack					W			C	A	M	P	U	S
nack		J			O		D		B				A
wack		O			R		E		U				Y
life		C	R	A	M		A	B	S	E	N	T	
wife		K					N				E		
knife											R		
rife		L	E	N	I	E	N	T			D		

i	æ	ε	I
read	rad	red	rid
beat	bat	bet	bit
feed	fad	fed	fid
he'd	had	head	hid
lead	lad	led	lid
lease	lass	less	liss
meet	mat	met	mitt
seat	sat	set	sit

L	R	N	W
lack	rack	nack	wack
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light	right	night	white
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redder													
leather													
weather													
lack													
rack													
nack													
wack													
life													
wife						L	I	B	R	A	R	Y	
knife													
rife													

B	P	F	V
ban	pan	fan	van
base	pace	face	vase
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G, J	Ch	Z	Sh
gin	chin	zen	shin
gyp	chip	zip	ship
Jane	chain	Zane	Shane
jew	chew	zoo	shoe

7 SHOPPING

You are looking for 10 SHOPPING vocabulary. 6 are horizontal and 4 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

sheep - i
ship - I
chip - I
cheap - i
fast - æ
feast - i
fist - I
fest - ε
vast - æ
vest - ε
best - ε
pest - ε

lip		C	A	S	H	I	E	R				O
rip				H					E			N
whip				O					X			L
nip				P			G	Y	P			I
lazer		B	R	A	N	D			E			N
razor		U		H					N			E
liver		Y		O					S			
river				L	U	X	U	R	I	O	U	S
lewd				I					V			
rude	F	A	N	C	Y			U	S	E	D	

But first, a little practice.



4:38

i	æ	ε	I
feed	fad	fed	fid
seed	sad	said	Sid
seen	san	sen	sin
lead	lad	led	lid
beat	bat	bet	bit
meet	mat	met	mitt
feast	fast	fest	fist
seat	sat	set	sit

L	R	N	W
leak	reek	neek	week
link	rink	nink	wink
led	red	Ned	wed
lip	rip	nip	whip
leel	real	kneel	wheel
lock	rock	nock	wok
leer	rear	near	we're
low	row	no	woe



1:08

sheep - i
ship - I
chip - I
cheap - i
fast - æ
feast - i
fist - I
fest - ε
vast - æ
vest - ε
best - ε
pest - ε

lip							F					
rip							R					
whip							U					
nip							G					
lazer							A					
razor							L					
liver												
river												
lewd												
rude												

B	P	F	V
by	pie	phi	vie
bine	pine	fine	vine
ban	pan	fan	van
bare	pair	fare	vare
bast	past	fast	vast
bed	ped	fed	ved
beer	peer	fear	veer
bet	pet	fet	vet

Th	T	D
them	Tim	dim
theme	team	deem
there	tear	dare
therm	term	derm
threw	true	drew


9 HEALTH

You are looking for 11 HEALTH vocabulary. 4 are horizontal and 7 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

passion fashion fitness witness jealous zealous peasant pheasant pillow billow prove - proof proof

rational	I	T	C	H			B		B			
national					S	W	O	L	L	E	N	
loyal	A				P		I		I			
royal	C				R		L		S			
liar	N		S	C	A	R			T		C	
wire	E				I				E		A	
load		F	A	I	N	T			R	A	S	H
rode											T	
node	A	D	D	I	C	T	I	O	N			

But first, a little practice. 

4:38

i	æ	ε	ɪ
read	rad	red	rid
beat	bat	bet	bit
feed	fad	fed	fid
he'd	had	head	hid
lead	lad	led	lid
lease	lass	less	liss
meet	mat	met	mitt
seat	sat	set	sit

L	R	N	W
lack	rack	nack	wack
late	rate	Nate	wait
led	red	Ned	wed
leer	rear	near	we're
life	rife	knife	wife
light	right	night	white
lip	rip	nip	whip
low	row	no	woe



1:07

passion fashion fitness witness jealous zealous peasant pheasant pillow billow prove - proof proof

rational												
national												
loyal												
royal												
liar												
wire	B	L	O	O	D							
load												
rode												
node												

B	P	F	V
ban	pan	fan	van
base	pace	face	vase
bat	pat	fat	vat
beer	peer	fear	veer
berry	Perry	ferry	very
bet	pet	fet	vet
bile	pile	file	vile
by	pie	phi	vie

G, J	Ch	Z	Sh
gin	chin	zen	shin
gyp	chip	zip	ship
Jane	chain	Zane	Shane
jew	chew	zoo	shoe


12 TECHNOLOGY

You are looking for 12 TECHNOLOGY vocabulary. 6 are horizontal and 6 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

file - aɪ vile - aɪ pile - aɪ bile - aɪ pork - ɔ park - a fork - ɔ bark - a laugh - æ leave - i live - i leaf - i

reading	H	A	C	K	E	R		W					
needing								I	C	O	N		
weeding								R					P
leading	D		P	R	I	N	T	E	R				D
wrapping	O							L					F
napping	W	E	B	M	A	S	T	E	R			C	
lapping	N							S				A	
lipping	L	A	P	T	O	P		S	P	A	M		
whipping	O												E
ripping	A		E	M	A	I	L						R
nipping	D									I	P	A	D

But first, a little practice. 

4:38

i	æ	ɛ	I
read	rad	red	rid
beat	bat	bet	bit
feed	fad	fed	fid
he'd	had	head	hid
lead	lad	led	lid
lease	lass	less	liss
meet	mat	met	mitt
seat	sat	set	sit

L	R	N	W
lack	rack	nack	wack
late	rate	Nate	wait
led	red	Ned	wed
leer	rear	near	we're
life	rife	knife	wife
light	right	night	white
lip	rip	nip	whip
low	row	no	woe



1:12

file - aɪ vile - aɪ pile - aɪ bile - aɪ pork - ɔ park - a fork - ɔ bark - a laugh - æ leave - i live - i leaf - i

reading													
needing													
weeding													
leading													
wrapping													
napping													
lapping													
lipping								M	O	U	S	E	
whipping													
ripping													
nipping													

B	P	F	V
ban	pan	fan	van
base	pace	face	vase
bat	pat	fat	vat
beer	peer	fear	veer
berry	Perry	ferry	very
bet	pet	fet	vet
bile	pile	file	vile
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G, J	Ch	Z	Sh
gin	chin	zen	shin
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Jane	chain	Zane	Shane
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12 TECHNOLOGY

You are looking for 12 TECHNOLOGY vocabulary. 8 are horizontal and 4 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.


file - aɪ vile - aɪ pile - aɪ bile - aɪ pork - ɔ park - ɑ fork - ɔ bark - ɑ laugh - æ leave - i live - ɪ leaf - i

reading					I			P	I	X	E	L
needing	S	C	A	N	N	E	R					
weeding					T			N				
leading	I			K	E	Y	B	O	A	R	D	
wrapping	P		B		R			T				
napping	H		L		N			E				J
lapping	O		O		E			B				P
lipping	N		G		T			M	O	U	S	E
whipping	E					G		O				G
ripping						P		K				
nipping			C	R	A	S	H		H	T	M	L

But first, a little practice.  **4:38**

i	æ	ɛ	ɪ
read	rad	red	rid
beat	bat	bet	bit
feed	fad	fed	fid
he'd	had	head	hid
lead	lad	led	lid
lease	lass	less	liss
meet	mat	met	mitt
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L	R	N	W
lack	rack	nack	wack
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 **1:12**

file - aɪ vile - aɪ pile - aɪ bile - aɪ pork - ɔ park - ɑ fork - ɔ bark - ɑ laugh - æ leave - i live - ɪ leaf - i

reading												
needing												
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leading												
wrapping												
napping												C
lapping												A
lipping												M
whipping												E
ripping												R
nipping												A

B	P	F	V
ban	pan	fan	van
base	pace	face	vase
bat	pat	fat	vat
beer	peer	fear	veer
berry	Perry	ferry	very
bet	pet	fet	vet
bile	pile	file	vile
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G, J	Ch	Z	Sh
gin	chin	zen	shin
gyp	chip	zip	ship
Jane	chain	Zane	Shane
jew	chew	zoo	shoe

13 COLLEGE MAJORS

You are looking for 12 MAJORS vocabulary. 8 are horizontal and 4 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

cheat - i
chat - æ
Chet - ε
sleep - i
slept - ε
slip - i
slap - æ
term - 3
therm - 3
derm - 3
tech - ε
tack - æ
tick - i

rail	D	R	A	M	A		T	O	U	R	I	S	M
wail					R								
nail			A	C	C	O	U	N	T	I	N	G	
rain					H								
Wayne		E	N	G	I	N	E	E	R	I	N	G	
lane					T								B
read	B		C	H	E	M	I	S	T	R	Y		U
weed	I				C								S
lead	O		M	A	T	H							I
need	L				U		D	A	N	C	E		N
lent	O		L		R								E
rent	G		A		E	C	O	N	O	M	I	C	S
went	Y		W										S

But first, a little practice.



4:38

i	æ	ε	I
feed	fad	fed	fid
seed	sad	said	Sid
seen	san	sen	sin
lead	lad	led	lid
beat	bat	bet	bit
meet	mat	met	mitt
feast	fast	fest	fist
seat	sat	set	sit

L	R	N	W
leak	reek	neek	week
link	rink	nink	wink
led	red	Ned	wed
lip	rip	nip	whip
leel	real	kneel	wheel
lock	rock	nock	wok
leer	rear	near	we're
low	row	no	woe



1:22

cheat - i
chat - æ
Chet - ε
sleep - i
slept - ε
slip - i
slap - æ
term - 3
therm - 3
derm - 3
tech - ε
tack - æ
tick - i

rail			P										
wail			S										
nail			Y										
rain			C										
Wayne			H										
lane			O										
read			L										
weed			O										
lead			G										
need			Y										
lent													
rent													
went													

B	P	F	V
by	pie	phi	vie
bine	pine	fine	vine
ban	pan	fan	van
bare	pair	fare	vare
bast	past	fast	vast
bed	ped	fed	ved
beer	peer	fear	veer
bet	pet	fet	vet

Th	T	D
them	Tim	dim
theme	team	deem
there	tear	dare
therm	term	derm
threw	true	drew

14 ROMANCE

You are looking for 11 ROMANCE vocabulary. 7 are horizontal and 4 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

bore - uə
 poor - uə
 for - ɔ
 far - a
 thought - ɔ
 taught - ɔ
 sought - ɔ
 ban - æ
 bean - i
 bin - ɪ
 chew - ʊ
 zoo

life	B							C	U	P	I	D	
wife	A			M				H					
knife	G			O				E			J		C
rife	G			D				M			E		H
lock	A	F	F	E	C	T	I	O	N	A	T	E	
rock	G			S				S			L		A
wok	E			T				T			O		T
knock		F						R			U		
leer	P	L	A	Y	B	O	Y				S		L
we're		I											U
near	T	R	I	A	N	G	L	E					S
rear		T											T

But first, a little practice.



4:34

i	æ	ɛ	ɪ
bead	bad	bed	bid
heat	hat	het	hit
deed	dad	dead	did
eat	at	et	it
leave	laugh	lev	live
feet	fat	fet	fit
he'd	had	head	hid
reed	rad	red	rid

L	R	N	W
lack	rack	nack	wack
life	rife	knife	wife
lay	ray	nay	way
light	right	night	white
lead	read	need	weed
low	row	no	woah
lip	rip	nip	whip
leer	rear	near	we're



1:14

bore - uə
 poor - uə
 for - ɔ
 far - a
 thought - ɔ
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 sought - ɔ
 ban - æ
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 bin - ɪ
 chew - ʊ
 zoo

life													
wife													
knife													
rife											T		
lock											E		
rock											A		
wok											S		
knock											E		
leer													
we're													
near													
rear													

B	P	F	V
bail	pale	fail	veil
bile	pile	file	vile
base	pace	face	vase
bar	par	far	var
beel	peel	feel	veal
bat	pat	fat	vat
bew	pew	few	view
berry	Perry	ferry	very

oo	uh	aw	ow
u	ʌ	ɔ	aʊ
pool	pull	Paul	pow
hoot	hut	hall	how
cool	cull	call	cow
boom	bum	boss	bow


16 JOBS

You are looking for 14 JOBS vocabulary. 8 are horizontal and 6 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

threw true drew man - æ mean - i men - ε pro flow fro bro berry ferry perry very

national	P	R	O	D	U	C	E	R		C		P		G	
rational					A					O		I		A	
loyalty		A	C	T	O	R				O		L		N	
royalty					P					K		O		G	
fired	F				E							T		S	
filed	A	C	C	O	U	N	T	A	N	T				T	
rain	R				T					E				E	
Wayne	M	A	N	A	G	E	R			B	A	N	K	E	R
lane	E		U			R				C		I			
lent	R		R							H		N			
rent			S							E		G			
went			E		D	O	C	T	O	R					

But first, a little practice. 

4:38

i	æ	ε	ɪ
feed	fad	fed	fid
seed	sad	said	Sid
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L	R	N	W
leak	reek	neek	week
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leel	real	kneel	wheel
lock	rock	nock	wok
leer	rear	near	we're
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1:23

threw true drew man - æ mean - i men - ε pro flow fro bro berry ferry perry very

national															
rational															
loyalty															
royalty															
fired															
filed															
rain															
Wayne										T	A	I	L	O	R
lane															
lent															
rent															
went															

B	P	F	V
by	pie	phi	vie
bine	pine	fine	vine
ban	pan	fan	van
bare	pair	fare	vare
bast	past	fast	vast
bed	ped	fed	ved
beer	peer	fear	veer
bet	pet	fet	vet

Th	T	D
them	Tim	dim
theme	team	deem
there	tear	dare
therm	term	derm
threw	true	drew

16 JOBS

You are looking for 14 JOBS vocabulary. 6 are horizontal and 8 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

threw true drew man - æ mean - i men - ε pro flow fro bro berry ferry perry very

national	Q		A	T	T	O	R	N	E	Y				
rational	U		R											
loyalty	E		C	L	E	R	K		F				W	
royalty	E		H						I		M		R	
fired	N		D	I	R	E	C	T	O	R		O	I	
filed			T						E		D		T	
rain			E						M		E		E	
Wayne		B	C					T	A	I	L	O	R	
lane		A	C	T	R	E	S	S	N					
lent		K									M	O	N	K
rent		E	N	G	I	N	E	E	R					
went		R									C	H	E	F

But first, a little practice.



4:38

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1:23

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national														
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rain									E					
Wayne									A					
lane									C					
lent									H					
rent									E					
went									R					

B	P	F	V
by	pie	phi	vie
bine	pine	fine	vine
ban	pan	fan	van
bare	pair	fare	vare
bast	past	fast	vast
bed	ped	fed	ved
beer	peer	fear	veer
bet	pet	fet	vet

Th	T	D
them	Tim	dim
theme	team	deem
there	tear	dare
therm	term	derm
threw	true	drew

17 COUNTRIES

You are looking for 15 COUNTRIES vocabulary. 6 are horizontal and 9 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

pool - u pull - ʊ fool - u full - ʊ park - a pork - ɔ last - æ lest - æ least - i list - i sat - æ seat - i set - ε sit - i

leader	U	S	A			P			P							C
leather				S	C	O	T	L	A	N	D					H
nether			I			R			N							I
weather	P	E	R	U		T		W	A	L	E	S				N
ladder			E			U			M							A
letter			L			G			A				P			
redder			A			A		J		K		O				F
lope	M	O	N	G	O	L	I	A		O		L				R
nope			D					P		R		A				A
rope								A		E		N				N
robe						F	I	N	L	A	N	D				C
lobe	I	T	A	L	Y											E

But first, a little practice.



4:34

i	æ	ε	I
bead	bad	bed	bid
heat	hat	het	hit
deed	dad	dead	did
eat	at	et	it
leave	laugh	lev	live
feet	fat	fet	fit
he'd	had	head	hid
reed	rad	red	rid

L	R	N	W
lack	rack	nack	wack
life	rife	knife	wife
lay	ray	nay	way
light	right	night	white
lead	read	need	weed
low	row	no	woah
lip	rip	nip	whip
leer	rear	near	we're

B	P	F	V
bail	pale	fail	veil
bile	pile	file	vile
base	pace	face	vase
bar	par	far	var
beel	peel	feel	veal
bat	pat	fat	vat
bew	pew	few	view
berry	Perry	ferry	very

oo	uh	aw	ow
u	ʌ	ɔ	aʊ
pool	pull	Paul	pow
hoot	hut	hall	how
cool	cull	call	cow
boom	bum	boss	bow



1:19

pool - u pull - ʊ fool - u full - ʊ park - a pork - ɔ last - æ lest - æ least - i list - i sat - æ seat - i set - ε sit - i

leader																
leather																
nether																
weather																
ladder																
letter																
redder										B						
lope										R						
nope										A						
rope										Z						
robe										I						
lobe										L						

17 COUNTRIES

You are looking for 15 COUNTRIES vocabulary. 7 are horizontal and 8 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

pool - u pull - u fool - u full - u park - a pork - ɔ last - æ lest - ε least - i list - i sat - æ seat - i set - ε sit - i

leader		M	E	X	I	C	O			C				S
leather						O		I		U		R		W
nether			E			L		R		B		O		E
weather	I		N			O		A		A		M		D
ladder	N		G	E	R	M	A	N	Y			A		E
letter	D		L			B						N		N
redder	I	R	A	Q		I				B		I		
lope	A		N			A	U	S	T	R	I	A		C
nope			D							A				H
rope										Z				I
robe							S	P	A	I	N			L
lobe	N	O	R	W	A	Y				L				E

But first, a little practice.



4:34

i	æ	ε	ɪ
bead	bad	bed	bid
heat	hat	het	hit
deed	dad	dead	did
eat	at	et	it
leave	laugh	lev	live
feet	fat	fet	fit
he'd	had	head	hid
reed	rad	red	rid

L	R	N	W
lack	rack	nack	wack
life	rife	knife	wife
lay	ray	nay	way
light	right	night	white
lead	read	need	weed
low	row	no	woah
lip	rip	nip	whip
leer	rear	near	we're



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leader														
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robe						F	I	N	L	A	N	D		
lobe														

B	P	F	V
bail	pale	fail	veil
bile	pile	file	vile
base	pace	face	vase
bar	par	far	var
beel	peel	feel	veal
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A

18 STATES

You are looking for 13 STATES vocabulary. 9 are horizontal and 4 are vertical.

Your partner has the information you need at the bottom of their sheet, and you have the information they need at the bottom of this sheet.

	lease - i	last - æ	rest - ε	least - i	wrist - I	lest - ε	west - ε	list - I	suave	swap	swab	view	pew	few	
slacker	M	A	R	Y	L	A	N	D					K		
snacker					O				N				A		
slip	O		A		U		O	R	E	G	O	N			M
snip	H		L		I				V			S			I
lip	I		A		S		F		A			A			S
rip	O		S		I		L		D			S			S
whip		O	K	L	A	H	O	M	A						U
nip			A		N		R			I					O
leech					A		I			D					R
reach							D		H	A	W	A	I	I	
lather	M	I	C	H	I	G	A	N		H					
rather									O						

But first, a little practice.



4:38

i	æ	ε	I
feed	fad	fed	fid
seed	sad	said	Sid
seen	san	sen	sin
lead	lad	led	lid
beat	bat	bet	bit
meet	mat	met	mitt
feast	fast	fest	fist
seat	sat	set	sit

L	R	N	W
leak	reek	neek	week
link	rink	nink	wink
led	red	Ned	wed
lip	rip	nip	whip
leel	real	kneel	wheel
lock	rock	nock	wok
leer	rear	near	we're
low	row	no	woe



1:16

	lease - i	last - æ	rest - ε	least - iy	wrist - I	lest - ε	west - ε	list - I	suave	swap	swab	view	pew	few	
slacker										A					
snacker										L					
slip										A					
snip										B					
lip										A					
rip										M					
whip										A					
nip															
leech															
reach															
lather															
rather															

B	P	F	V
by	pie	phi	vie
bine	pine	fine	vine
ban	pan	fan	van
bare	pair	fare	vare
bast	past	fast	vast
bed	ped	fed	ved
beer	peer	fear	veer
bet	pet	fet	vet

Th	T	D
them	Tim	dim
theme	team	deem
there	tear	dare
therm	term	derm
threw	true	drew

PRONUNCIATION PRACTICE

Clearing up confusion creates communicative competency.

INTRODUCTION

The next page is in both workbooks, so during the semester, about every other week, I pronounce a set of words. After the first test, I tell the students that they did wonderful on speaking a lot, now they will learn to speak correctly. And we do this activity.

If students really want to improve, they can go the JAZZ website and download the audio files and listen and pronounce.

INSTRUCTIONS

Students sit in a group of 3 or 4.

A reads the words in her darkened rectangles and B and C scratch out what they think they hear. (A does not have to read the number, then the word; B and C can follow along.)

Check the score. A then reads the correct answers: one, third; two, third; three, second; four, third. And so on. Make the students read the numbers IN ENGLISH. The partners check their score and write how many they missed on top of the page.

Then, B pronounces and then reads the correct answers, then C.

Different groups finish at different times. After they finish, make sure they have checked their answers. Then, tell them this is a conversation class, and they can talk about the correct unit, last weekend, next weekend, or global warming. Whatever. Conversation is King.

Encourage students to practice at home with the website.

The road to perfection is paved with repetition.

AUDIO FILES

There are 7 MP3 audio files for this activity. A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, and D.

There are two audio files for columns A, B and C because one file for each column would be too large.

FREQUENCY

I usually pronounce one column per week.

I give more emphasis to pronunciation after the midterm speaking test.

I tell the class that this increased focus on pronunciation is in response to the pronunciation problems that were shown on the test.

PRONUNCIATION PRACTICE



Koreans and most Asian students have trouble with these sounds:

light - right - night - white bad - pad - fad - vad beat - bat - bet - bit

This page has 132 sets of words that sound alike. Why so many?

Because pronunciation requires mouth muscles, and muscles require practice.

Set D 2:46

	Left	Right
100	lather	rather
101	legal	regal
102	lever	never
103	lever	weaver
104	billow	pillow
105	boat	vote
106	boil	foil
107	brown	frown
108	curb	curve
109	pooodle	puddle
110	pool	pull
111	fool	full
112	poop	pup
113	spoon	spun
114	lighter	writer
115	liver	river
116	loyal	royal
117	prank	Frank
118	prick	brick
119	rational	national
120	razor	laser
121	elect	erect
122	passion	fashion
123	peasant	pheasant
124	proof	prove
125	safe	save
126	surf	serve
127	loover	lover
128	toon	ton
129	noon	none
130	dune	done
131	oops	ups
132	goon	gun

Set C 4:05 (2 files)

	Left	Middle	Right
67	teen	tan	tin
68	wheel	well	will
69	think	tink	dink
70	this	tis	dis
71	those	toes	dose
72	though	toe	doe
73	boom	bum	bomb
74	dune	done	Don
75	goon	gun	gone
76	poop	pup	pop
77	lewd	rude	nude
78	lice	rice	nice
79	rail	nail	wail
80	bro	pro	fro
81	bun	pun	fun
82	cab	cap	calf
83	swab	swap	suave
84	thought	sought	taught
85	threw	true	drew
86	thy	tie	die
87	soon	sun	sewn
88	sheer	cheer	jeer
89	hoot	hut	hot
90	them	Tim	dim
91	theme	team	deem
92	there	tear	dare
93	therm	term	derm
94	lake	rake	wake
95	loom	room	womb
96	kneel	real	wheel
97	lair	rare	where
98	beat	peat	feet
99	bill	pill	fill

Set B 5:24 (2 files)

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
34	life	rife	knife	wife
35	light	right	night	white
36	ling	ring	ning	wing
37	beer	peer	fear	veer
38	berry	Perry	ferry	very
39	bet	pet	fet	vet
40	bew	pew	few	view
41	lead	lad	led	lid
42	lease	lass	less	liss
43	least	last	lest	list
44	leave	laugh	lev	live
45	sheep	cheap	ship	chip
46	he'd	had	head	hid
47	heat	hat	het	hit
48	link	rink	wink	nink
49	lip	rip	nip	whip
50	lock	rock	nock	wok
51	low	row	no	woe
52	neat	nat	net	knit
53	peet	pat	pet	pit
54	reed	rad	red	rid
55	bile	pile	file	vile
56	bine	pine	fine	vine
57	bun	pun	fun	vun
58	by	pie	phi	vie
59	seat	sat	set	sit
60	seed	sad	said	Sid
61	seen	san	sen	sin
62	sap	zap	jap	chap
63	leather	ladder	weather	rather
64	soon	son	sawn	sewn
65	jew	chew	zoo	shoe
66	Joe	Cho	Zoh	show

Set A 5:35 (2 files)

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	lack	rack	nack	wack
2	late	rate	wait	Nate
3	lay	ray	way	nay
4	bail	pale	fail	veil
5	ban	pan	fan	van
6	bar	par	far	var
7	bead	bad	bed	bid
8	beat	bat	bet	bit
9	cheap	chap	chep	chip
10	meet	mat	met	mitt
11	noon	none	non	known
12	lead	read	need	weed
13	leak	reek	week	neek
14	led	red	Ned	wed
15	bare	pair	fare	vare
16	base	vase	face	pace
17	bast	past	fast	vast
18	deed	dad	dead	did
19	eat	at	et	it
20	feast	fast	fest	fist
21	feed	fad	fed	fid
22	feet	fat	fet	fit
23	leel	real	kneel	wheel
24	leer	near	rear	we're
25	led	red	Ned	wed
26	bat	pat	fat	vat
27	bed	fed	ped	ved
28	beel	peel	feel	veal
29	pool	pull	Paul	pole
30	doon	done	dawn	down
31	gin	chin	zen	shin
32	Jane	chain	Zane	Shane
33	gyp	chip	zip	ship

A

PRONUNCIATION PRACTICE

1. You go first. Pronounce the words in the black squares. Your partners will scratch out the words they hear.
2. You do not have to say the numbers, your partners can follow.
3. After you finish, give the correct answers. Use the numbers, and the headers at the top of each group.
4. You will say this: *One, third. Two third. Three, second. Four, third.* And so on.
5. Then, it is **B**'s turn.

D

	Left	Right
100	lather	rather
101	legal	regal
102	lever	never
103	lever	weaver
104	billow	pillow
105	boat	vote
106	boil	foil
107	brown	frown
108	curb	curve
109	poodle	puddle
110	pool	pull
111	fool	full
112	poop	pup
113	spoon	spun
114	lighter	writer
115	liver	river
116	loyal	royal
117	prank	Frank
118	prick	brick
119	rational	national
120	razor	laser
121	elect	erect
122	passion	fashion
123	peasant	pheasant
124	proof	prove
125	safe	save
126	surf	serve
127	loover	lover
128	toon	ton
129	noon	none
130	dune	done
131	oops	ups
132	goon	gun

C

	Left	Middle	Right
67	teen	tan	tin
68	wheel	well	will
69	think	tink	dink
70	this	tis	dis
71	those	toes	dose
72	though	toe	doe
73	boom	bum	bomb
74	dune	done	Don
75	goon	gun	gone
76	poop	pup	pop
77	lewd	rude	nude
78	lice	rice	nice
79	rail	nail	wail
80	bro	pro	fro
81	bun	pun	fun
82	cab	cap	calf
83	swab	swap	suave
84	thought	sought	taught
85	threw	true	drew
86	thy	tie	die
87	soon	sun	sewn
88	sheer	cheer	jeer
89	hoot	hut	hot
90	them	Tim	dim
91	theme	team	deem
92	there	tear	dare
93	therm	term	derm
94	lake	rake	wake
95	loom	room	womb
96	kneel	real	wheel
97	lair	rare	where
98	beat	peat	feet
99	bill	pill	fill

B

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
34	life	rife	knife	wife
35	light	right	night	white
36	ling	ring	ning	wing
37	beer	peer	fear	veer
38	berry	Perry	ferry	very
39	bet	pet	fet	vet
40	bew	pew	few	view
41	lead	lad	led	lid
42	lease	lass	less	liss
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45	sheep	cheap	ship	chip
46	he'd	had	head	hid
47	heat	hat	het	hit
48	link	rink	wink	nink
49	lip	rip	nip	whip
50	lock	rock	nock	wok
51	low	row	no	woe
52	neat	nat	net	knit
53	peet	pat	pet	pit
54	reed	rad	red	rid
55	bile	pile	file	vile
56	bine	pine	fine	vine
57	bun	pun	fun	vun
58	by	pie	phi	vie
59	seat	sat	set	sit
60	seed	sad	said	Sid
61	seen	san	sen	sin
62	sap	zap	jap	chap
63	leather	ladder	weather	rather
64	soon	son	sawn	sewn
65	jew	chew	zoo	shoe
66	Joe	Cho	Zoh	show

A

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	lack	rack	nack	wack
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5	ban	pan	fan	van
6	bar	par	far	var
7	bead	bad	bed	bid
8	beat	bat	bet	bit
9	cheap	chap	chep	chip
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20	feast	fast	fest	fast
21	feed	fad	fed	fid
22	feet	fat	fet	fit
23	leel	real	kneel	wheel
24	leer	near	rear	we're
25	led	red	Ned	wed
26	bat	pat	fat	vat
27	bed	fed	ped	ved
28	beel	peel	feel	veal
29	pool	pull	Paul	pole
30	doon	done	dawn	down
31	gin	chin	zen	shin
32	Jane	chain	Zane	Shane
33	gyp	chip	zip	ship

B PRONUNCIATION PRACTICE

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D

	Left	Right
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109	poodle	puddle
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C

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95	loom	room	womb
96	kneel	real	wheel
97	lair	rare	where
98	beat	peat	feet
99	bill	pill	fill

B

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82	cab	cap	caif
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90	them	Tim	dim
91	theme	team	deem
92	there	tear	dare
93	therm	term	derm
94	lake	rake	wake
95	loom	room	womb
96	kneel	real	wheel
97	lair	rare	where
98	beat	peat	feet
99	bill	pill	fill

B

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62	sap	zap	jap	chap
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9	cheap	chap	chep	chip
10	meet	mat	met	mitt
11	noon	none	non	known
12	lead	read	need	weed
13	leak	reek	week	neek
14	led	red	Ned	wed
15	bare	pair	fare	vare
16	base	vase	face	pace
17	bast	past	fast	vast
18	deed	dad	dead	did
19	eat	at	et	it
20	feast	fast	fest	fist
21	feed	fad	fed	fid
22	feet	fat	fet	fit
23	leel	real	kneel	wheel
24	leer	near	rear	we're
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31	gin	chin	zen	shin
32	Jane	chain	Zane	Shane
33	gyp	chip	zip	ship

D

PRONUNCIATION PRACTICE

1. You go fourth. Pronounce the words in the black squares. Your partners will scratch out the words they hear.
2. You do not have to say the numbers, your partners can follow.
3. After you finish, give the correct answers. Use the numbers, and the headers at the top of each group.
4. You will say this: *One, third. Two third. Three, second. Four, third.* And so on.
5. Check the answers and then talk about this weekend.

D

	Left	Right
100	lather	rather
101	legal	regal
102	lever	never
103	lever	weaver
104	billow	pillow
105	boat	vote
106	boil	foil
107	brown	frown
108	curb	curve
109	poodle	puddle
110	pool	pull
111	fool	full
112	poop	pup
113	spoon	spun
114	lighter	writer
115	liver	river
116	loyal	royal
117	prank	Frank
118	prick	brick
119	rational	national
120	razor	laser
121	elect	erect
122	passion	fashion
123	peasant	pheasant
124	proof	prove
125	safe	save
126	surf	serve
127	loover	lover
128	toon	ton
129	noon	none
130	dune	done
131	oops	ups
132	goon	gun

C

	Left	Middle	Right
67	teen	tan	tin
68	wheel	well	will
69	think	tink	dink
70	this	tis	dis
71	those	toes	dose
72	though	toe	doe
73	boom	bum	bomb
74	dune	done	Don
75	goon	gun	gone
76	poop	pup	pop
77	lewd	rude	nude
78	lice	rice	nice
79	rail	nail	wail
80	bro	pro	fro
81	bun	pun	fun
82	cab	cap	calf
83	swab	swap	suave
84	thought	sought	taught
85	threw	true	drew
86	thy	tie	die
87	soon	sun	sewn
88	sheer	cheer	jeer
89	hoot	hut	hot
90	them	Tim	dim
91	theme	team	deem
92	there	tear	dare
93	therm	term	derm
94	lake	rake	wake
95	loom	room	womb
96	kneel	real	wheel
97	lair	rare	where
98	beat	peat	feet
99	bill	pill	fill

B

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34	life	rife	knife	wife
35	light	right	night	white
36	ling	ring	ning	wing
37	beer	peer	fear	veer
38	berry	Perry	ferry	very
39	bet	pet	fet	vet
40	bew	pew	few	view
41	lead	lad	led	lid
42	lease	lass	less	liss
43	least	last	lest	list
44	leave	laugh	lev	live
45	sheep	cheap	ship	chip
46	he'd	had	head	hid
47	heat	hat	het	hit
48	link	rink	wink	nink
49	lip	rip	nip	whip
50	lock	rock	nock	wok
51	low	row	no	woe
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