

# English Pronunciation

## Minimal Pairs: B and V

— *Beginning - Low Intermediate*

Discuss the difference between the B and P sounds?

Discuss the difference between the V and F sounds?

### Exercise 1: Listen and Repeat

Listen to your teacher read the following groups of words. Repeat them. Be careful to make the distinction between the two sounds.

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|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1. V      | bee    | V      |
| 2. ban    | van    | van    |
| 3. best   | vest   | best   |
| 4. bat    | vat    | vat    |
| 5. biking | biking | Viking |
| 6. bow    | vow    | vow    |
| 7. berry  | berry  | very   |
| 8. beer   | veer   | beer   |
| 9. boat   | vote   | vote   |
| 10. base  | vase   | vase   |

### Exercise 2: Listening Quiz

(See the teacher's list on page 4.) Listen to the groups of words your teacher reads. Two of the words are the same, and one is different. **Which word is different -- the first word, second word, or third word?**

For example, if you hear the words, "*ban van ban*," the second word (*van*) is different from the first and third words (*ban*), so write the number 2 in the space provided.

example:   2  

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|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ | 7. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ | 8. _____ |           |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ | 9. _____ |           |

## Exercise 3: Student Pair Practice

Here are two different word lists, A and B. With your partner, decide who will read list A and who will read list B.

Read the words from your list to your partner. He or she will **note which word is different (either 1, 2, or 3) in the answer column provided.**

For example: If you hear the words, "ban van ban," the second word (*van*) is different from the first and third words (*ban*), so write number 2 in the space provided.

*When finished, review your answers with your partner. Then switch roles and repeat the activity with List B.*

### List A

1. V	B	V
2. van	ban	ban
3. best	vest	vest
4. bat	vat	bat
5. Viking	biking	Viking
6. vow	bow	vow
7. berry	berry	very
8. veer	veer	beer
9. boat	vote	vote
10. base	vase	base

### ANSWERS TO LIST B

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (1, 2, or 3)
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

## List B

1. B	V	B
2. ban	van	van
3. best	vest	vest
4. vat	bat	bat
5. Viking	biking	Viking
6. bow	vow	bow
7. berry	berry	very
8. veer	beer	beer
9. voat	vote	boat
10. vase	base	base

## ANSWERS TO LIST A

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (1, 2, or 3)
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

## Here is the Teacher's List for Exercise 2

### Teacher's List


1. V	V	B
2. ban	ban	van
3. best	best	vest
4. vat	vat	bat
5. biking	Viking	Viking
6. vow	vow	bow
7. berry	very	very
8. beer	beer	veer
9. boat	vote	boat
10. vase	vase	base

### Answer Key

1.	3
2.	3
3.	3
4.	3
5.	1
6.	3
7.	1
8.	3
9.	2
10.	3

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Listen / Repeat 0:03 

Quiz 1:45

Student Pair worksheet 3:30

Answers 3:34


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Quiz # 1

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Listen and Repeat

Quiz

Student Pair Speaking Activity



Quiz Worksheet

(The quiz starts at 1:45.)

1. \_\_\_\_  
 1  
 2  
 3

2. \_\_\_\_  
 1  
 2  
 3

3. \_\_\_\_  
 1  
 2

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