

# Pronunciation



## Minimal Pairs /ʌ/ /ɒ/ words like **BUS** and **BOSS**

### Activity 1

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

#### Column 1

bus  
gun  
puppy  
shut  
sung  
cut  
luck  
colour

#### Column 2

boss  
gone  
poppy  
shot  
song  
cot  
lock  
collar

### 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. Do you like the new bus/boss?
2. She would like to have a puppy/poppy.
3. I don't know why they shut/shot it.
4. That is a big cut/cot!
5. He doesn't like that colour/collar.
6. She had no luck/lock, unfortunately.

### Activity 5

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