

Pronunciation



Minimal Pairs /æ/ /ʌ/ words like CAP and CUP

Activity 1

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

Column 1

cap
hat
ran
match
ankle
drank
fan
cat
began

Column 2

cup
hut
run
much
uncle
drunk
fun
cut
began

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. He picked up his cap/cup.
2. We couldn't find the hat/hut.
3. I ran/run in the park every day.
4. I didn't like that match/much.
5. There are three caps/cups on the table.
6. Which hat/hut is yours?
7. We often ran/run to school.
8. He isn't enjoying this match/much.
9. It was a very large cat/cut.
10. He admired her ankles/uncles.

Activity 5

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