

# Pronunciation



## Minimal Pairs /f/ /v/ words like FAN and VAN

### Activity 1

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

#### Column 1

fan  
off  
fine  
fault  
safe  
lift  
calf  
file

#### Column 2

van  
of  
vine  
vault  
save  
lived  
carve  
vile

### 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. She bought a new fan/van.
2. He took a lot off/of it.
3. He thought it was a very big fine/vine.
4. There was a large fault/vault in the ceiling.
5. It was an excellent safe/save.
6. We lift/lived it up.

### Activity 5

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