

# Pronunciation



## Minimal Pair

words like MEAT and NEAT /m/ /n/

### Activity 1

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

#### Column 1

meat  
mice  
males  
some  
same  
a mother  
meal  
limes  
them  
warned

#### Column 2

neat  
nice  
nails  
sun/son  
sane  
another  
kneel  
lines  
then  
warned

### 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. Is that meat/neat?
2. I think it's mice/nice.
3. There aren't enough males/nails.
4. She wants some/sun.
5. It's not the same/sane answer.
6. They need a mother/another.
7. There were only 6 limes/lines.
8. She didn't leave them/then.
9. His mother warned/warned him.

### Activity 5

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