

# Pronunciation



## Minimal Pair

words like **VERY** and **BERRY** /v/ /b/

### Activity 1

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

#### Column 1

very  
vote  
veils  
vicar  
volts  
TV

#### Column 2

berry/bury  
boat  
bales/bails  
bicker  
bolts  
TB

### 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. The colour was very/berry red.
2. They bought ten veils/bales yesterday.
3. Please don't, Vicar/bicker.
4. We need more volts/bolts now!
5. They want the vote/boat as soon as possible.
6. They don't have TV/TB here.

### Activity 5

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