

MODULE 3: DESARROLLO DE DESTREZAS DE LA PRONUNCIACIÓN EN INGLÉS



Sound 1: /ɛ/



x



pen



men



left



said

Sound 2: /æ/

axe



pan



man



laughed



sad





/æ/

Lips: Spread

Jaw: Open wider than for [ɛ]

Tongue: Low, near the floor of the mouth

[æ] At the Beginning of Words

am	apple	angry
and	after	absent
ask	actor	animal

[æ] In the Middle of Words

cat	back	black
map	happy	last
have	rapid	classroom

The vowel [æ] does not occur at the end of words in English.



INSTRUCTIONS

PRACTICE THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS
(watch the suggested video)

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <u>a</u> nd | 2. <u>a</u> pple |
| 3. <u>a</u> t | 4. b <u>a</u> ck |
| 5. b <u>a</u> t | 6. c <u>a</u> p |
| 7. c <u>a</u> t | 8. cl <u>a</u> p |
| 9. d <u>a</u> d | 10. f <u>a</u> t |
| 11. fl <u>a</u> g | 12. h <u>a</u> d |
| 13. h <u>a</u> ppy | 14. h <u>a</u> s |
| 15. h <u>a</u> t | 16. l <u>a</u> ck |
| 17. l <u>a</u> dder | 18. m <u>a</u> t |
| 19. m <u>a</u> tch | 20. p <u>a</u> ck |

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmRfop2Ky5w>

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INSTRUCTIONS

PRACTICE THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS.

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|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. that | 11. ask | 21. happy |
| 2. have | 12. after | 22. laugh |
| 3. can | 13. than | 23. stand |
| 4. at | 14. last | 24. plan |
| 5. as | 15. hand | 25. exactly |
| 6. back | 16. dad | 26. chance |
| 7. had | 17. bad | 27. answer |
| 8. man | 18. family | 28. pass |
| 9. thank | 19. matter | 29. dance |
| 10. happen | 20. actually | 30. fact |

INSTRUCTIONS

Practice /æ/ in sentences. Say the words first, then the sentences.

1. had - bad - accident - Saturday

She had a bad accident on Saturday



2. saxophone - jazz - band

He plays saxophone for a jazz band

3. family - travel - California

My family is travelling to California.



4. absent - class - last

You were absent from class last week.

5. example - bad - habit

Can you give me an example of a bad habit?

6. haven't - had - chance - answer

I haven't had a chance to answer your e-mail.



INSTRUCTIONS

Listen carefully and then choose the one letter a that is pronounced  in each word.

EXAMPLE b a n @ n a

1. a n i m a l
2. A f r i c a
3. C a l i f o r n i a
4. f a s c i n a t e
5. A l a s k a
6. a t t a c k
7. S a t u r d a y
8. C a n a d a
9. D a l l a s
10. p a c k a g e



INSTRUCTIONS

Listen carefully to each sentence and choose the word you hear.

1. Where did you put the _____?
2. Is that man in the picture _____?
3. He drew an _____ on the board.
4. I talked to the _____ in the store.
5. They're _____ to be leaving.
6. She _____ when I said that.

SPEAKING ACTIVITIES



Sound [æ] in context

TASK # 1

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the following letter aloud. Pay attention to the boldfaced [æ] words.

Dear D**ad**,

At **l**ast **C**arol and I are in **S**an **F**r**a**ncisco. It's an **a**bsolutely **f**abulous city! **A**s we st**a**nd **a**t the top of Telegr**a**ph Hill, we c**a**n see **A**lcatraz. We pl**a**n to c**a**ch a cable car and visit Gr**a**nt **A**venue in Chinatown. **A**fter th**a**t, we'll gr**a**b a t**a**xic**a**b to the J**a**panese Gardens. Yesterday, we tr**a**veled to N**a**pa V**a**lley. We also p**a**ssed through the N**a**tional Park. **A**fter S**a**n Diego, our **l**ast stop is Disney**a**nd in Los Angeles. C**a**lifornia is a f**a**ntastic state. We h**a**ve lots of photogr**a**phs and p**a**ckages for the family. We'll be b**a**ck S**a**turday **a**fternoon, J**a**nuary 1st.



Love,
Gl**a**dys

P.S. We need c**a**sh. Please send money **a**s f**a**st **a**s you c**a**n!



Vocabulary

/æ/

🎧 1 Listen and repeat these words with the sound /æ/.

a hat

a backpack

a black jacket

black pants

glasses

a mustache

a plastic bag

a plaid jacket

TASK # 2

INSTRUCTIONS

Imagine you are traveling to one of the places below to visit a friend for a weekend. You're taking a backpack that will only hold 8 items. Look at this list and decide which items you would pack. Mention your choice (place) and explain which 8 items you would pack and why. Finally, choose a place you would like to visit.

California - Africa - Alaska - San Francisco - Canada - Dallas



- Snacks
- Jacket
- Pajamas
- Shampoo
- Map
- Apples
- Lantern

- Laptop or tablet
- Sandwich
- Napkins
- Hand sanitizer
- Backpack
- Plastic bag
- Camera

- Cash (money)
- Passport
- Glasses or contact lenses
- Notepad
- Hat
- Cap



Tell us what
YOU think



INSTRUCTIONS



Discuss the following questions with your classmates. Make sure you pronounce the target sound **/æ/** correctly. (As your own follow-questions).

TASK # 3



- ✚ Have you ever been backpacking?
- ✚ What are the advantages of backpacking?
- ✚ Is backpacking better than taking a package holiday?
- ✚ What do you think when you see backpackers in your country?
- ✚ Have you ever stayed at a backpackers' or similar budget accommodation?
- ✚ Is backpacking generally something for younger people?
- ✚ Do you think backpacking is done only by those with little money?
- ✚ How do you think backpacking around the world would change a person?
- ✚ Is it better to go backpacking alone or with friends?
- ✚ What are the negative points or dangers of backpacking?
- ✚ Would you like to go backpacking around Costa Rica?
- ✚ Who would you choose to go backpacking with?
- ✚ What place would you like to visit, Canada, Alaska, Africa, San Francisco, Dallas or California? Why



TASK # 4

INSTRUCTIONS

First, listen to the beginning of the conversation and pay carefully attention to the pronunciation of the target sound in the boldfaced word. Then, continue the story by using as many words as you can with the sound. **/æ/** (Do not write your ideas)

Detective: Excuse me, ma'am, do you recognize any of the men in this photograph?

Alice: Yes, that one. That's him! That's the man who robbed the bank!

Detective: The man with the black pants?

Alice: Yes. But he had a mustache.

Detective: A mustache? This man? Last Saturday?

Alice: Yes. And he was wearing a jacket.

Detective: A black jacket?

Alice: No, a plaid jacket. Red plaid.

Detective: Can you tell me exactly what happened?

Alice: Well, I was working at the bank on Saturday afternoon. Suddenly, this man ran past me, grabbed a handful of cash, and stuffed it in a bag.

Detective: What kind of bag?

Alice: A plastic bag.....

