

Bus or Boss? Listening Practice with Minimal Pairs

Instructions:

Listen carefully to each word. Decide whether it has the /ʌ/ sound (like in *bus*) or the /ɔ/ sound (like in *boss*). Select the word you hear.

Pair			
#		Word with /ʌ/	Word with /ɔ/
 1 		bus	boss
 2 		cut	caught
 3 		luck	lock
 4 		cup	cop
 5 		dull	doll
 6 		shut	shot
 7 		but	bought
 8 		rub	rob
 9 		pucks	pox
 10 		tuck	talk