

Pronunciation

Minimal Pairs /g/ /k/ words like BAG and BACK

Activity 1

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

Column 1

bag
log
wig
snag
girls
grime
grease
gold
anger
stag
guards

Column 2

back
lock
wick
snack
curls
crime
crease
cold
anchor
stack
cards

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. Give me that bag/back!
2. The logs/locks are enormous.
3. The wig/wick was too short.
4. There weren't any snags/snacks.
5. The girls/curls were blonde.
6. Have you ever seen such a big stag/stack?
7. Be careful! Don't grease/crease it.
8. This dish is all gold/cold!
9. His anger/anchor certainly didn't help.
10. The guards/cards arrived too late.
11. The city is full of grime/crime.

Activity 5

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