

### Minimal Pairs / Contrasting Sounds

Some sounds are difficult for learners to differentiate both in hearing and speaking. Pictures and gestures can be used for games.

thorn	torn
thread	tread
three	tree
thug	tug
bash	batch
cash	catch
mash	match
wash	watch
thought	sought
think	sink
fit	feet
mitt	meat
sit	seat
man	men

### Role Play

Dialogues of conversational exchanges between two people. These should represent meaningful situations that learners will encounter.

Keep initial scenarios simple and limit to four lines:

1. "What's this?"
2. "It's an orange."
1. "Do you like oranges?"
2. "Yes, oranges are good."

Possible topics:

- Asking directions      ➤ Making change
- Talking to a doctor, nurse, or pharmacist
- Ordering food in a restaurant
- Using phone to make an appointment
- Asking landlord to make repairs
- Returning an item to a store
- Buying stamps or a money order

### Activities

Listening—finding key words

Weather report	Taped conversation
Popular song	Directions

Music

Alphabet song  
Row, row, row your boat  
Them bones

Tactile

Writing word cards  
Playing card or board games  
Checkers or dominoes

Sentence unscrambling

Teacher gives word cards or sentence cards in random order, asking students to put them in proper sequence.

### Vocabulary Games

Male/Female

boy	girl
man	woman
father	mother
brother	sister
uncle	aunt
son	daughter

Plurals

man	men
boy	boys
foot	feet
woman	women

Opposites

short	tall
thin	fat
strong	weak
sharp	dull