

Exercise 3.4 Phonemes – vowel length in sentences

Speaker Copy

Listener Copy

Instructions from the Speaker to the Listener

I will say two sentences, then repeat one of them. Please tell me which one I repeated. (The Speaker randomly chooses which sentence to repeat.)

- 1 A We were looking at the picture of the sheep.
B We were looking at the picture of the ship.

- 2 A You can see the ball over the fence.
B You can see the bull over the fence.

- 3 A The little boy was afraid of the duck.
B The little boy was afraid of the dark.

- 4 A This ward should be cleaned.
B This wood should be cleaned.

- 5 A I thought you were going to sleep.
B I thought you were going to slip.

- 6 A The farmer was worried about the cart.
B The farmer was worried about the cut.

- 7 A The bun was burned in the fire.
B The barn was burned in the fire.

- 8 A It was all a ridiculous farce.
B It was all a ridiculous fuss.

⁹ Source: Plant, 1984, Commtram, NAL, Australia.

- 9 A I like the color of that wall.
B I like the color of that wool.
- 10 A We stored the parcel in the next room.
B We stood the parcel in the next room.
- 11 A You shouldn't worry about your heart all the time.
B You shouldn't worry about your hat all the time.
- 12 A The fisherman held up the cup.
B The fisherman held up the carp.
- 13 A The mountaineer was staring at the peak.
B The mountaineer was staring at the pick.
- 14 A They spent all morning cleaning the cart.
B They spent all morning cleaning the cot.
- 15 A Can you hear the bees?
B Can you hear the buzz?