

Exercise 3.6 Phonemes – low- versus high- frequency vowels in words in carrier sentences

Speaker Copy

Listener Copy

Instructions from the Speaker to the Listener

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

- 1 A I think he wants to know about the bath.
B I think he wants to know about the booth.
- 2 A The harp was lying on the floor.
B The hoop was lying on the floor.
- 3 A I don't know what to do about that old cart.
B I don't know what to do about that old coat.
- 4 A He's always thinking about bars.
B He's always thinking about booze.
- 5 A I hope you haven't lost the cat again.
B I hope you haven't lost the kit again.
- 6 A We walked all the way to the mountain park.
B We walked all the way to the mountain peak.
- 7 A We'll have to do something about the grass.
B We'll have to do something about the grease.
- 8 A The farmer was very proud of his barns.
B The farmer was very proud of his beans.
- 9 A It tastes a little like lime.
B It tastes a little like lamb.
- 10 A We could hear the hymn very clearly.
B We could hear the hum very clearly.

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