

## **Pronunciation: B vs. P**

The following pairs will help you practice pronunciation of the sounds  
**/b/ and /p/**  
which are often confused by Asian students

Back	Pack	Big	Pig	Brawl	Prowl
Bad	Pad	Bill	Pill	Breach	Preach
Ball	Paul	Bin	Pin	Bronze	Prawns
Ban	Pan	Boar	Pour	Bulb	Pulp
Bart	Part	Boast	Post	Bull	Pull
Bat	Pat	Bound	Pound	Bunk	Punk
Bay	Pay	Bond	Pond	Burr	Purr
Beach	Peach	Bob	Pop	Bus	Pus
Bear	Pear	Box	Pox	Butt	Putt
Beer	Peer	Bower	Power	Bye	Pie

### **Tongue Twisters and Nursery Rhymes to practice /b/ and /p/**

**Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.  
Did Peter Piper pick a peck of pickled  
peppers?  
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled  
peppers,  
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter  
Piper picked?**

**Plague-bearing prairie dogs.**

**Betty Botter had some butter,  
"But," she said, "this butter's bitter.  
If I bake this bitter butter,  
it would make my batter bitter.**

**But a bit of better butter--  
that would make my batter better."  
So she bought a bit of butter,  
better than her bitter butter,  
and she baked it in her batter,  
and the batter was not bitter.  
So 'twas better Betty Botter  
bought a bit of better butter.**

**A proper cup of coffee from a proper copper  
coffee pot.**

**A big black bug bit a big black bear,  
made the big black bear bleed blood.**