

Pronunciation: Vowel Pairs

**Many students have troubles in distinguishing the difference between vowels.
 The pronunciation depends on the position
 of the stressed vowel in the word. However, one should remember that there
 are many exceptions from the rule.
 The following pairs might help overcome the problem.**

	<i>short sound</i>	<i>'open' sound</i>		<i>short sound</i>	<i>'open' sound</i>		<i>short sound</i>	<i>'open' sound</i>
1.	Man	Mane	10.	Hell	Heel	19.	Poll	Pole
2.	Plan	Plane	11.	Fin	Fine	20.	Not	Note
3.	Mat	Mate	12.	Pin	Pine	21.	Doll	Dole
4.	Fat	Fate	13.	Fill	File	22.	Cop	Cope
5.	Pal	Pale	14.	Bit	Bite	23.	Cut	Cute
6.	Pet	Pete	15.	Sit	Site	24.	Fuss	Fuse
7.	The	Thee	16.	Tip	Type	25.	Cub	Cube
8.	Fell	Feel	17.	Hop	Hope	26.	Hug	Huge
9.	Met	Meet	18.	Rod	Rode	27.	Tub	Tube