

Speaking L3SLO8

The phonemes /b/ or /p/, /g/ or /j/, /f/ or /v/, and /r/ or /l/

Learning Outcome 8: Demonstrate an increased mastery of phonemes problematic for Arabic speakers

Letters that sound the same

There are some pairs of sounds for letters in English that usually sound the same to Arabic speakers, but are actually pronounced slightly differently in English. You need to remember the difference in how the letters in each pair sound because this will help you to understand exactly which word someone is saying to you in English. The next step is to say the two different sounds in each pair correctly when you say words which include them.

FOCUS ▶ 3.1 A Listen to and read these words.

vase joke rainbow bucket lion fish public golf

FOCUS ▶ 3.2 B Listen to the words while looking at the pairs of words below. Circle the words you hear.

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| 1. a. just | b. gust |
| 2. a. bark | b. park |
| 3. a. goose | b. juice |
| 4. a. gig | b. jig |
| 5. a. bot | b. pot |
| 6. a. bull | b. pull |
| 7. a. get | b. jet |

FOCUS ▶ 3.3 C Listen to the words while looking at the pairs of words below. Circle the words you hear.

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| 1. a. raw | b. law |
| 2. a. vast | b. fast |
| 3. a. lunch | b. brunch |
| 4. a. villa | b. filler |
| 5. a. blow | b. row |
| 6. a. van | b. fan |
| 7. a. round | b. lounge |

SPEAKING TASK

FOCUS A Read all the words in exercises B and C aloud and practice saying them with the correct sounds.

FOCUS B Write down a word that starts with each of these letters /p/, /b/, /j/, /g/, /v/, /f/, /r/ and /l/.

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FOCUS C Work in pairs. Take turns saying your eight words from Exercise B and write the words your partner says. Check with your partner's list. How many words did you write correctly?