

Lesson 8 Part 1: FAN / VAN

Today we're going to practice with the $\mathbf{F}/\mathbf{f}/\mathbf{s}$ sound in \mathbf{fan} and the $\mathbf{V}/\mathbf{v}/\mathbf{s}$ sound in \mathbf{van} .

To make these sounds, your upper teeth touch your lower lip, like in the picture:



The F sound is unvoiced, and the V sound is voiced.

Practice these words with F:

ккк. **f**eel

λλλ. **f**ar

μμμ. **f**ood

ννν. **f**ew

ooo. **f**ull

 $\pi\pi\pi$. office

 $\theta\theta\theta$. suffer

ρρρ. e**ff**ect



σσσ. defend τττ. life υυυ. safe **ϖϖω.** half ωωω. **ph**one ξ**ξξ.** gra**ph** ψψψ. ne**ph**ew

The most common spelling of this sound is with the letter F – but we also have PH (as in phone and pharmacy). There are even a few words where GH is pronounced with the F sound, such as **rough, tough, enough,** and **laugh.**

Listen to and repeat these words with the V sound:

ζζζ. **v**ery **v**i**v**id αααα. ββββ. **v**ine **v**oice χχχχ. δδδδ. **v**ote .3333 e**v**en le**v**el φφφφ. invest $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$. re**v**iew ηηηη. provoke 1111. lea**v**e φφφφ. KKKK. give λλλλ. love mo**v**e μμμμ. νννν. brave

As you can see, the V sound is only spelled with the letter V.

F and V in Singular and Plural Forms

Some words that end in the F sound have a V sound in the plural. For



example:

oooo. One knife

ππππ. Two kni**v**es

This is not the case for all words ending in F. For example,

 $\theta\theta\theta\theta$. One chef / two chefs

Practice these words in the singular and plural forms:

ρρρρ. one half / two halves

σσσσ. one leaf / two leaves

ττττ. one loaf / two loaves

ບບບບ. one shelf / two shelves

 $\varpi\varpi\varpi$. one thief / two thieves

ωωωω. one wife / two wives

 $\xi\xi\xi\xi$. one wolf / two wolves

Let's practice the difference between similar words with F and V:

 $\psi\psi\psi\psi$. belie**v**e

ζζζζ. **f**ast / **v**ast

ααααα. **f**ault / **v**ault

βββββ. **f**ear / **v**eer

χχχχχ. lea**f** / lea**v**e

δδδδδ. safe / save

εεεεε. proof/prove

 $\phi \phi \phi \phi \phi$. surfing / serving

γγγγγ. wa**f**er / wai**v**er

Now identify which word I say:

ηηηηη. fail / veil

ιιιι. fine / vine

φφφφφ. few / view



κκκκ. grief / grieve λλλλλ. rifle / rival μμμμμ. infest / invest

vvvvv. surface / service

Practice Sentences

Focus on **F**:

- 1. Five fat friends feasted on fifty fine, fresh fish.
- 2. Four furious fellows fought for the **ph**one.

Focus on V:

5. **V**anessa belie**v**es the **v**ault is **v**ery hea**v**y.

Homework:

8:Part 1- Record yourself reading these sentences:

Focus on F:

- 3. Five fat friends feasted on fifty fine, fresh fish.
- 4. The first flight was full, so I flew on the four-fifteen flight.
- 5. Four furious fellows fought for the **ph**one.

Focus on V:

- 6. Vanessa believes the vault is very heavy.
- 7. Vincent invested in valuable valley villas.
- 8. Vivian bravely voiced her vote on eleven vital issues.

Lesson 8 Part 2: LOW / LAW

In this part we're going to continue working with the /əu/ sound in note and low, and compare it to the / ɔ: /sound in law.

To make the **aw** sound in **law**, a good exercise is to start with the "**AHH**" sound that we learned in the last lesson, and make your mouth more round. Watch me alternate these two sounds:







AW

Remember that to make the sound in **low**, start with your mouth a little bit open, and bring your lips together as you pronounce it.







OH

Let's practice all three sounds - ah / aw / ow.

So to make the difference between **law** and **low**, remember that at the end of **law** your mouth stays open; and at the end of **low** your mouth is almost closed. Watch me, listen, and repeat.



End of LAW



End of LOW

Common words like LAW:

- ? s<u>aw</u>
- ② flaw
- 2 boss
- 2 t**al**k
- 2 s<u>au</u>ce
- 2 **o**ff
- 2 c**o**st
- 2 **au**dio
- 2 caught
- 2 taught
- 2 bought
- 2 thought

As you can see, there are many different spellings for this sound.

Let's practice some more words with the sound in **low**:

2 ag**o**

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- 2 radi<u>o</u>
- 2 potato
- 2 sh<u>ow</u>
- ② bow
- d<u>o</u>n't
- 2 c<u>oa</u>t
- 2 poetry
- 2 follow

Ready to practice? Try to make the difference between these pairs of words:

- 2 bald / bold
- 2 flaw / flow
- ② cost / coast
- pause / pose
- 2 saw/so
- Dought / boat
- 2 hall / hole
- 2 vault / volt
- caught / coat
- lawn / loan
- chalk / choke

Homework:

8: Part 2 -A- Record yourself pronouncing these words:

ooooo. $\underline{\mathbf{au}}$ tumn / $\underline{\mathbf{o}}$ nly / $\mathbf{s}\underline{\mathbf{o}}$ ft / $\mathbf{p}\underline{\mathbf{au}}$ se

πππππ. ball / walk / dog / coach

 $\theta\theta\theta\theta\theta$. $b\underline{\mathbf{o}}$ th / wind $\underline{\mathbf{o}}$ w / $h\underline{\mathbf{o}}$ w / wh $\underline{\mathbf{o}}$ le

ρρρρρ. t<u>o</u>ld/ h<u>o</u>tel / sh<u>oe</u>s / r<u>o</u>se

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B- Record yourself reading these sentences:

Focus on LOW:

σσσσ. I supp**o**se m**o**st p**o**ets are l**o**nely.

τττττ. I'm thr<u>ow</u>ing away m<u>o</u>st of the b<u>ow</u>ls that I <u>ow</u>n.

υυυυυ. My co-workers don't focus on the goals.

varpi var

to the phone. Focus on LAW:

ωωωωω. The coffee at the office is always awful.

ξξξξξ. I thought you taught your daughter to draw.

 $\psi\psi\psi\psi\psi$. My boss paused awkwardly while talking to the audience.

 $\zeta\zeta\zeta\zeta\zeta$. They c<u>aught</u> the guy who c<u>alled</u> the <u>au</u>thor a fr<u>au</u>d and ran <u>o</u>ff.

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