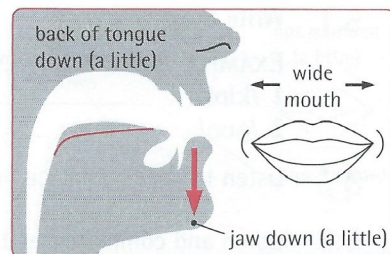# 6 Bread and jam
/e/ and /æ/

A How to make the sound /e/

A37a • /e/ is a short sound. Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. Open your mouth quite wide. Target sound: /e/

back of tongue
down (a little)

wide
mouth

jaw down (a little)

B Sound and spelling

A37b • /e/ is usually spelled e, but sometimes ea, ie, a or ai. Listen and repeat.

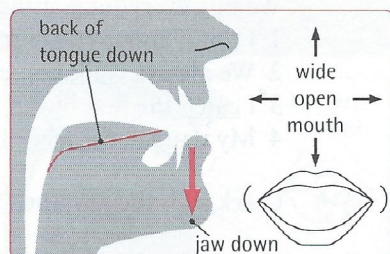|					
e	check	leg	letter	red	sentence
ea	bread	head	read (past tense)		
ie	friend				
a	any	many			
ai	again	said			

A37c • Listen and say these sentences.

1 Tell me again.
2 Send me a cheque.
3 Correct these sentences.
4 Twenty to twelve.
5 Help your friend.

C How to make the sound /æ/

A38a • /æ/ is a short sound. Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. Open your mouth wide. Target sound: /æ/

back of
tongue down

wide
open
mouth

jaw down

D Sound and spelling

A38b • /æ/ is usually spelled a. Listen and repeat.

back   camera   factory   hat   jam   manager   map   plan   traffic

A38c • Listen and say these sentences.

1 Thanks for the cash.
2 I ran to the bank.
3 Where's my black jacket?
4 That man works in a jam factory.
5 Let me carry your bags.

Exercises

6.1   Write these words.

EXAMPLE /mæp/ .... map ....

1 /hænd/   ....
2 /best/   ....
3 /eg/   ....
4 /mæn/   ....
5 /men/   ....
6 /'meni/   ....
7 /hæv/   ....
8 /nekst/   ....

A39   Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

6.2   Seven of these numbers have /e/. Which are they?

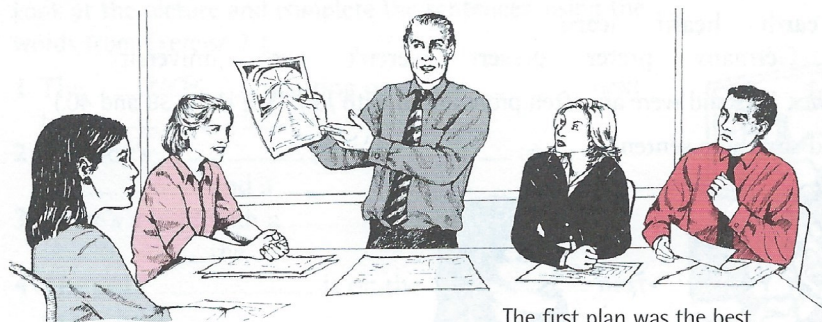3   7 ✓   8   10   11   12   13   17   18   20   70   80   100
      seven

A40   Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

6.3   Match the phrases to make sentences with an /æ/ and an /e/.

The first plan was the best.

1 The first plan ...... was the best ....
2 He said ....
3 How many ....
4 I haven't got ....
5 I'll be back ....
6 My friends live ....

a any milk.
b again tomorrow.
c in a flat over there.
d stamps do you need?
e ~~was the best.~~
f 'Thank you.'

A41   Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

6.4   Listen and circle the word you hear. Check with the Key. If any of these are difficult for you, go to Section E3 *Sound pairs* for more practice.

A42
1 *men / man*   (⇒ sound pair 15)
2 *cat / cut*   (⇒ sound pair 9)
3 *had / hard*   (⇒ sound pair 7)
4 *pepper / paper*   (⇒ sound pair 16)
5 *head / heard*   (⇒ sound pair 17)
6 *set / sit*   (⇒ sound pair 3)
7 *better / butter*   (⇒ sound pair 18)