

Travel English b and v pronunciation pairwork

Student A

Part A

Read the definitions below and add the correct letter: “v” or “b”

The small ticket you have to show when you get on a plane: a _____oarding pass

The stamp you need in your passport to enter certain countries or to enter a country to work or study: a _____isa

The inside of a plane: the ca_____in

What is the difference in mouth position between a /v/ sound and /b/ sound? Which one is most similar to a /p/ sound and which one is most similar to a /f/ sound?

Part B

Giving definitions similar to those above, explain a word on the right below to your partner. When they have guessed which word you are describing (their words are in a different order to yours), check that they are pronouncing it with the correct “b” or “v”. They should then be able to fill in the correct missing letter. You can correct their pronunciation, but they cannot ask for the spelling.

After one word, switch roles and listen to your partner’s definition and try to guess the word and pronounce it correctly.

_____elgium

A _____I.P.

_____ietnam

A con____eyor belt

An airport _____us

A ca_____le car

The _____order

The terminal building

A handbrake

A vegetarian meal

Driveway

A briefcase

A travel alarm clock

A bridge

The buffet car

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Vietnam

A conveyor belt

A V.I.P

The border

A cable car

Belgium

An airport bus

A tra_____el alarm clock

A _____ridge

A _____uffet car

A dri_____eway

A hand_____rake

A _____egetarian meal

The terminal _____uilding

A _____riefcase