

# Arabic pronunciation difficulties

The following English sounds sometimes cause problems for Arabic speakers. Can you recognise and pronounce the differences in these pairs of words?

/e/	/æ/
beg	bag
head	had
bed	bad
send	sand

/p/	/b/
pack	back
pair	bare
park	bark
peach	beach

/e/	/eɪ/
west	waste
pen	pain
test	taste
letter	later

/v/	/f/
van	fan
very	ferry
vine	fine
veil	fail

/e/	/ɪ/
beg	big
let	lit
mess	miss
pen	pin

/g/	/k/
goat	coat
bag	back
goal	coal
dug	duck

/ɒ/	/ɔ:/
cot	caught
shot	short
fox	forks
often	orphan

/ʃ/	/s/
shoe	sue
shoot	suit
shave	save
short	sort

/ɒ/	/əʊ/
cot	coat
got	goat
hop	hope
not	note

/n/	/ŋ/
ran	rang
ban	bang
win	wing
sun	sung

/θ/	/t/
thank	tank
thin	tin
thigh	tie
path	part

/ð/	/d/
loathe	load
there	dare
then	den
breathe	breed

