Pronunciation: /æ/ & /ɛ/

1. In the Writing & Reading Center, go to the section with the computers for listening.

2. Find the folder, ESL Pronunciation Resources.

3. Scroll down to the last box, English Pronunciation.

4. Click on æ / e – Unit Eight and then do the listening exercises: Minimal Pairs

5. After you finish, find an instructor or tutor, and ask her or him to listen to you say these pairs of words and guess which ones you say:

   1) lad  led  4) bat  bet  7) ladder  letter
   2) mat  met  5) gnat  net  8) batter  better
   3) bad  bed  6) man  men  9) cattle  kettle

6. Go back to the same page on the computer (æ / e – Unit Eight) and try the Dictation exercises. After you finish, write the 10 sentences that you hear and read them to an instructor:

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HELP

For help on forming the /æ/ and /ɛ/ sounds, go back to ESL Pronunciation Resources and scroll down to the 7th box and click on Phonetics: The Sounds of American English. Then click on the box: monophthongs, and the box: front.