

Dialog 1 (2 people) – short A vs short E – The Bank Robber

Detective: Excuse me, ma'am, have you ever seen the man in this picture?

Alice: Yes! That's him. That's the man who robbed the bank! But he had a moustache.

Detective: a moustache? This man? Last Saturday?

Alice: Yes. He was wearing plaid pants and a black jacket, and he had on very dark glasses.

Detective: Can you tell me exactly what happened?

Alice: Well, I was working at the bank Saturday afternoon. Suddenly, this man ran past me, grabbed a handful of cash, and stuffed it in a plastic bag.

Detective: And what happened after that?

Alice: He ran back out again. It all happened so fast. The manager ran after him, but he couldn't catch him. the man was running too fast.

Detective: Are you absolutely sure the man in the photograph is the same man?

Alice: Yes. Absolutely. That's him.

Detective: Thank you for your help.

Alice: I hope you catch him!

Dialog 2 (3 people) – The short O sound (spelled with a (wash, star) or spelled with o (stop, bottle) – Advertisement

A: What's the matter, Mr. Block?

Mr. Block: What's the matter?! I want a break from this horrible job of washing socks!

A: Buy a bottle of Starwash, Mr. Block!

B: Starwash does the job, and it's not a hard job with Starwash!

A: You don't need lots of hot water with Starwash!

B: Starwash is modern and popular! Next time you shop, pick up a bottle of Starwash!

Dialog 3 (2 people) – short u vs. short a – Does he love me?

Russ: Janet, why are you so unhappy?

Janet: Oh, it's nothing.

Russ: It's not nothing! You seem very sad.

Janet: I think Bob doesn't love me.

Russ: Oh, Janet, Bob loves you very much!

Janet: No, he doesn't! He is falling in love with my cousin Sunny! He thinks she's smart and fun to be with, and he thinks I'm dumb and uninteresting.

Russ: Yes, he went to lunch once with Sunny, but, Janet, there is nothing for you to worry about. He thinks you're wonderful.

Janet: He has a lot of friends, and I have only a few friends.

Russ: That is OK. It's not bad to be different from him. Just trust that he loves you. I know he does.

Dialog 4 – (2 people) – The Boss

Jan: Good afternoon, John, how are you?

John: I'm fine, thanks, Jan, and yourself?

Jan: Oh, I can't complain. Actually, I'm glad I bumped into you. Are you coming to the party next Saturday?

John: I hope so, Jan. It really depends if I can get off work on time.

Jan: What is happening at your job?

John: The company is having a bad month. The boss doesn't let us go home if we don't finish everything. I'm waiting to pick the right moment to ask if I can leave early on Saturday.

Jan: Is there ever a good moment with that man?

John: Yes, sometimes, but he has a very bad temper! You have to be careful.

Jan: Well, I hope I will see you on Saturday. Whenever you can get there, it's OK.