Unit 6: /v/ & /w/  vine wine /vain/ /wain/

How to make the sounds
To make the /v/ sound, put your upper teeth onto your lower lip. Use your voice as your breath passes through the teeth and lower lip. To make the /w/ sound, push the lips forward and say /u/, then let the tongue and lower lip drop. When you let the first sound glide into the second (usually a vowel follows), /w/ is produced. In this Unit, /w/ is not distinguished from /h/ (wail vs. whale), which will be looked at in more detail in Unit 13.

Exercise One: Word Repetition
Listen to the following words from your tape and repeat them.

vest  navel  west  wood
vine  drive  once  wagon
vivid  several  worry  narrow
verb  arrive  few  were
vote  carve  twelve  twine

Exercise Two: Minimal Pair Distinction
Listen to the following words and repeat them.

vest  west  vest  best
veil  wail  groove  grew
vine  wine  roving  rowing
viper  wiper  west  rest
vast  fast  wine  Rhine
very  berry  vine  fine

Exercise Three: Phrases with /v/ or /w/
Listen to your tape. You will hear phrases of words that either contain /v/ or /w/. As you listen to each phrase, circle /v/ if you hear /v/, circle /w/ if you hear /w/, or circle ø if you hear neither.

1. v  w  ø  2. v  w  ø  3. v  w  ø  4. v  w  ø
5. v  w  ø  6. v  w  ø  7. v  w  ø  8. v  w  ø
Exercise Four: Minimal Pair Distinction

Part One
Listen to your tape. You will hear the sentences below, but only one of the italicized words will be spoken. Circle the word which you hear.

1. My friends had a lot of *wines/vines* in their basement.

2. His poetry is becoming *worse/verse*.

3. Her story was disturbed by a *wail/veil*.

4. A *wiper/viper* was used in the experiment.

5. The cows were *mooing/moving* in the pasture.

6. The teacher used the *wiser/visor* of the two students.

Part Two: Listen for the missing words and write them on the lines below.

7. Did you happen to look in the ________________?

8. The boaters ________________ in the park.

9. They ________________ under the floor.

10. The French teacher said ________________ (French word for "YOU").
Exercise 5: Dictation
Listen to the sentences and write them.

1. ____________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________

3. ______________________________________wind up____________

4. ______________________________________pronounce._____

5. _________________________________________weird._______

Exercise Six: Questions for Answers Given
In this section, you will hear 5 answers. You will not hear the questions. Listen carefully to the answer, and then record the question in the space provided on your tape by using your drill/record button.

Example: ______________________? I'm fine, thanks.
(you record "How are you?" onto your tape BEFORE the answer. Then, cue your tape and let your instructor listen.)

1. Did you…

2. Have you…

3. Are you…

4. Did you___________________ very worn waistcoat____________

5. Have…