

Business English b and v pronunciation pairwork

Student A

Part A

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Part B

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After one word, switch roles and listen to your partner's definition and try to guess the word and pronounce it correctly. Then take turns doing the same.

_____ision

An ad_____ertisement

A _____u_____le

A _____acation

_____lue collar workers

A de_____eloper

An inter_____iew

Inno_____ation

A veteran

Boycott

A bargain

A balance sheet

A broker

Initiative

A convention

To bargain

A briefing

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A _____alance sheet

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