Exercise 3.6  Phonemes – low- versus high- frequency vowels in words in carrier sentences

Instructions from the Speaker to the Listener
I will read out two sentences, then repeat one of them. Please tell me which one I repeated. (The Speaker randomly chooses which sentence to repeat.)

1  A  I think he wants to know about the bath.
    B  I think he wants to know about the booth.

2  A  The harp was lying on the floor.
    B  The hoop was lying on the floor.

3  A  I don’t know what to do about that old cart.
    B  I don’t know what to do about that old coat.

4  A  He’s always thinking about bars.
    B  He’s always thinking about booze.

5  A  I hope you haven’t lost the cat again.
    B  I hope you haven’t lost the kit again.

6  A  We walked all the way to the mountain park.
    B  We walked all the way to the mountain peak.

7  A  We’ll have to do something about the grass.
    B  We’ll have to do something about the grease.

8  A  The farmer was very proud of his barns.
    B  The farmer was very proud of his beans.

9  A  It tastes a little like lime.
    B  It tastes a little like lamb.

10 A  We could hear the hymn very clearly.
    B  We could hear the hum very clearly.

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9 Source: Plant, 1984, Comtram, NAL, Australia.