

## Vocabulary and pronunciation Word pairs

There are many pairs of words joined by a conjunction. The order of the words is fixed:

*Dr Loewi scribbled something down **there and then**, on a notepad.*

Complete these well-known pairs.

Life's full of **ups and** \_\_\_\_\_.

It will happen **sooner or** \_\_\_\_\_.

There are always **pros and** \_\_\_\_\_ to any argument.

### 1 Match a word pair in A to a definition in B.

A	B
sink or swim	readiness to make compromises
wait and see	finally and forever
far and wide	not lasting long, but very pleasant
give and take	generally speaking
ifs or buts	sometimes successful, sometimes not
once and for all	absolutely everywhere
hit and miss	exact details
short and sweet	be patient and find out later
ins and outs	excuses or arguments
by and large	succeed or fail, without any help

### 2 11.7 Listen and repeat the word pairs. Pay attention to the linking sounds between the words.

**sink or swim**   **ifs or buts**   **wait and see**   **far and wide**



### 3 Complete the sentences with a word pair from 1.


- There has to be some \_\_\_\_\_ in any relationship. You can't have your own way all the time.
- I had no experience when I set up my first business and I got no help – it was \_\_\_\_\_!
- I don't want to hear any \_\_\_\_\_ from you – it's time for bed, now!
- A** I hope your presentation doesn't go on too long.  
**B** Oh, don't worry, it's \_\_\_\_\_ – it'll be over in no time!
- It's difficult to explain the \_\_\_\_\_ of the rules of cricket. They're very complicated.
- A** What have you got me for my birthday?  
**B** Ah, you'll have to \_\_\_\_\_, won't you?!
- There are some things I'd change about my workplace, but \_\_\_\_\_ it's very pleasant.
- People come from \_\_\_\_\_ to shop in Bicester Village – it's the second most popular destination in the UK for Chinese tourists after Buckingham Palace!
- A** Is the food good in that restaurant?  
**B** It's a bit \_\_\_\_\_. I've had some great meals there, and some really poor ones.
- It's time we settled this argument \_\_\_\_\_. Let's Google it and see who's right.

### 11.8 Listen and check.

### 4 Join the words in A and C using a conjunction in B.

A	B	C
now sick more	<b>and</b>	tired quiet shine
touch peace safe	<b>but</b>	sound then go
slowly rain	<b>or</b>	less surely

Write sentences using each pair, using a dictionary if necessary. Read them out to the class.

-  11.9 Listen to a conversation between two friends. What are they talking about? Note down all the word pairs that you hear.
- Look at audioscript 11.9 on page 149. Practise it with a partner.

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