**ER 4.3 *Boats and rain***

Some British dialects, particularly northern ones, have long vowels where SE has a diphthong.

This particularly applies to two SE diphthongs. One is /eɪ/, which is replaced by the long vowel /e:/. Listen to the diphthong, and then the long vowel:

*rain rain*

The other is /əʊ/ which is replaced by the long vowel /o:/. Listen again to diphthong and then long vowel:

*boat boat*

Here are eight more pairs, in mixed order. Listen and write D (for diphthong) or V (for vowel) beside each. The answers are given below:

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| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) |

**Answers**

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| (1) *Spain* (D) | (2) *don’t* (D) | (3) *late* (V) | (4) *say* (V) |
| (5) *plain* (D) | (6) *Spain* (V) | (7) *so* (V) | (8) *coat* (D) |
| (9) *so* (D) | (10) *plain* (V) | (11) *don’t* (V) | (12) *moan* (D) |
| (13) *late* (D) | (14) *coat* (V) | (15) *moan* (V) | (16) *say* (D) |