

Common Minimal Pairs

| Sound 1 | Sound 2 | Examples |
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| /ɪ/ | /i:/ | bit - beat, fill - feel, it - eat, sit - seat, his - he's |
| /æ/ | /ʌ/ | cap - cup, fan - fun, hat - hut, ran - run, sang - sung |
| /æ/ | /e/ | bad - bed, man - men, pan - pen, bag - beg, dad - dead |
| /æ/ | /ɑ:/ | cat - cart, hat - heart, pack - park, back - bark |
| /əʊ/ | /ɔ:/ | bowl - ball, so - saw, show - sure, boat - bought |
| /ɒ/ | /ɔ:/ | cot - court, spot - sport, shot - short, pot - port |
| /w/ | /g/ | wood - good, weight - gate, won - gun, wave - gave |
| /b/ | /v/ | ban - van, boat - vote, berry - very, bet - vet |
| /d/ | /dʒ/ | dog - jog, door - jaw, bad - badge, paid - page |
| /d/ | /ð/ | day - they, dare - their, den - then, sudden - southern |
| /n/ | /ŋ/ | sin - sing, thin - thing, win - wing, ban - bang |
| /ŋk/ | /ŋ/ | think - thing, sink - sing, bank - bang, brink - bring |
| /f/ | /v/ | fan - van, leaf - leave, off - of, safe - save, ferry - very |
| /f/ | /θ/ | free - three, first - thirst, deaf - death |
| /k/ | /g/ | back - bag, duck - dug, pick - pig, frock - frog |

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| /dʒ/ | /j/ | <i>jewel - you'll, jaw - your, juice - use, gel - yell</i> |
| /s/ (end) | /z/ (end) | <i>ice - eyes, place - plays, bus - buzz, piece - peas</i> |
| /t/ | /d/ | <i>town - down, two - do, hat - had, write - ride</i> |
| /t/ | /θ/ | <i>tree - three, mats - maths, fort - fourth, tie - thigh</i> |
| /v/ | /w/ | <i>veil - whale, vest - west, vet- wet, vine - wine</i> |