

Talk a Lot

Clear Alphabet Dictionary

Minimal Pairs

A minimal pair is a pair of words that have the same sounds apart from one sound. This is a list of minimal pairs from this dictionary. Notice that they are mostly one-syllable words. Can you think of any more minimal pairs?

Same consonant sound(s),
one different vowel sound:

cheers **Ch**iyz
cheese **Ch**eez

course **K**ors
curse **K**ers

fail **F**eil
fall **F**orl

far **F**ar
fare **F**eir

hat **H**at
hate **H**eit

heart **H**art
heat **H**eet

her **H**er
here **H**iy

nice **N**ais
niece **N**ees

nine **N**ain
none **N**un

plain **P**lein
plan **P**lan

smell **S**mel
smile **S**mail

spin **S**pin
spine **S**pain

start **S**tart
state **S**teit

through **T**troo
throw **T**treu

to **T**oo
toe **T**eu

Same vowel sound(s), one
different consonant sound:

cheap **C**heep
cheek **C**heek

close **K**leuz
clothes **K**leuthz

gate **G**eit
gave **G**eiv

hobby **H**o bii
hockey **H**o kii

large **L**arj
laugh **L**arf

light **L**ait
like **L**aik

made **M**eid
make **M**eik

might **M**ait
mile **M**ail

mouse **M**aus
mouth **M**autt

nail **N**eil
name **N**eim

nice **N**ais
night **N**ait

north **N**ortt
nought **N**ort

page **P**eij
pain **P**ein

place **P**leis
plain **P**lein

rabbit **R**a bit
racquet **R**a kit

rain **R**ein
raise **R**eiz

receipt **r** Seet
receive **r** Seev

refuse **r** Fyooz
refute **r** Fyoot

rice **R**ais
right **R**ait

shake **S**heik
shape **S**heip

side **S**aid
sign **S**ain

slim **S**lim
slip **S**lip

some **S**um
son **S**un

tail **T**eil
take **T**eik

teach **T**eech
team **T**eem

verb **V**erb
verse **V**ers

walk **W**ork
warn **W**orn

wash **W**osh
watch **W**och

yes **Y**es
yet **Y**et

My minimal pairs:
