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),		Same vowel sound(s), one		rain	Rein
one different vowel sound:		different consonant sound:		raise	Reiz
cheers	Chiyz	cheap	Cheep	receipt	r Seet
cheese	Cheez	cheek	Cheek	receive	r Seev
course	Kors	close	Kleuz	refuse	r Fyooz
curse	Kers	clothes	Kleuthz	refute	r Fyoot
fail	Feil	gate	Geit	rice	Rais
fall	Forl	gave	Geiv	right	Rait
far	Far	hobby	Ho bii	shake	Sheik
fare	Feir	hockey	Ho kii	shape	Sheip
hat	Hat	large	Larj	side	Said
hate	Heit	laugh	Larf	sign	Sain
heart	Hart	light	Lait	slim	Slim
heat	Heet	like	Laik	slip	Slip
her	Her	made	Meid	some	Sum
here	Hiy	make	Meik	son	Sun
nice	Nais	might	Mait	tail	Teil
niece	Nees	mile	Mail	take	Teik
nine	Nain	mouse	Maus	teach	Teech
none	Nun	mouth	Mautt	team	Teem
plain	Pl <mark>ein</mark>	nail	Neil	verb	Verb
plan	Plan	name	Neim	verse	Vers
smell	Smel	nice	Nais	walk	Work
smile	Smail	night	Nait	warn	Worn
spin	Spin	north	Nortt	wash	Wosh
spine	Spain	nought	Nort	watch	Woch
start	Start	page	Peij	yes	Yes
state	Steit	pain	Pein	yet	Yet
through	Ttroo	place	Pleis	My minimal pairs:	
throw	Ttreu	plain	Plein		
to toe	Too Teu	rabbit racquet	Ra bit Ra kit		

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