## 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  <br> cheese Chiyz <br>  Cheez <br> course Kors <br> curse Kers <br> fail Feil <br> fall Forl <br> far Far <br> fare Feir <br> hat Hat <br> hate Heit <br> heart Hart <br> heat Heet <br> her Her <br> here Hiy <br> nice Nais <br> niece Nees <br> nine Nain <br> none Nun <br> plain Plein <br> plan Plan <br> smell Smel <br> smile Smail <br> spin Spin <br> spine Spain <br> start Start <br> state Steit <br> through Ttroo <br> throw Ttreu <br> to Too <br> toe Teu |


| Same vowel sound(s), one different consonant sound: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | raise | Reiz |
| cheap cheek | Cheep | receipt | r Seet |
|  | Cheek | receive | r Seev |
| close clothes | Kleuz | refuse | r Fyooz |
|  | Kleuthz | refute | r Fyoot |
| gate gave | Geit | rice | Rais |
|  | Geiv | right | Rait |
| hobby hockey | Ho bii | shake | Sheik |
|  | Ho kii | shape | Sheip |
| large laugh | Larj | side | Said |
|  | Larf | sign | Sain |
| light <br> like | Lait | slim | Slim |
|  | Laik | slip | Slip |
| made <br> make | Meid | some | Sum |
|  | Meik | son | Sun |
| might <br> mile | Mait | tail | Teil |
|  | Mail | take | Teik |
| mouse mouth | Maus | teach | Teech |
|  | Mautt | team | Teem |
| nail name | Neil | verb | Verb |
|  | Neim | verse | Vers |
| nice <br> night | Nais | walk | Work |
|  | Nait | warn | Worn |
| north nought | Nortt | wash | Wosh |
|  | Nort | watch | Woch |
| page pain | Peij | yes | Yes |
|  | Pein | yet | Yet |
| place <br> plain | Pleis | My minimal pairs: |  |
|  | Plein |  |  |
| rabbit racquet | Ra bit <br> Ra kit |  |  |

