

Minimal pairs pronunciation practice

1.

<u>i:</u>	<u>i</u>
eat	it
neat	knit
beat	bit
seat	sit
eel	ill
heel	hill
green	grin
teen	tin
reach	rich
sheep	ship

2.

<u>l</u>	<u>r</u>
light	right
lice	rice
lot	rot
low	row
long	wrong
lead	read
led	red
lung	rung
load	road
lock	rock

3.

<u>i</u>	<u>e</u>
pit	pet
knit	net
mitt	met
sit	set
ill	L
bill	bell
fill	fell
will	well
hill	hell
did	deal

4.

<u>b</u>	<u>v</u>
base	vase
berry	very
boat	vote
bolt	volt
best	vest
beer	veer
bent	vent
bat	vat
ban	van
curb	curve

5.

<u>e</u>	<u>ae</u>
bet	bat
met	mat
set	sat
Ben	ban
Ken	can
den	Dan
bed	bad
head	had
said	sad
leg	lag

6.

<u>h</u>	<u>f</u>
hall	fall
honey	funny
heat	feet
hold	fold
hollow	follow
hear	fear
hit	fit
hill	fill
hell	fell
hat	fat

7.

<u>ae</u>	<u>c/a</u>
cat	cot
hat	hot
pat	pot
rat	rot
cap	cop
map	mop
mass	moss
math	moth
band	bond
lack	lock

8.

<u>s</u>	<u>th</u>
sink	think
sank	thank
sing	thing
some	thumb
sick	thick
sin	thin
use	youth
mass	math
pass	path
worse	worth

9.

<u>ou</u>	<u>au/a:</u>
so	saw
low	law
hole	hall
bowl	ball
coal	call
wrote	rot
note	not
boat	bought
coat	caught
coast	cost

10.

<u>z/d</u>	<u>th</u>
bays	bathe
sues	soothe
breeze	breathe
close	clothe
Z	thee
den	then
dare	there
Dan	than
die	thy

11.

<u>o</u>	<u>u</u>
cob	cub
rob	rub
sob	sub
cop	cup
pop	pup
dock	duck
lock	luck
stock	stuck
not	nut
won	one

12.

<u>sh</u>	<u>s</u>
ship	sip
sheet	seat
she	sea, see
shed	said
shelf	self
shell	sell
shingle	single
shit	sit
show	sew
leash	lease
fished	fist