

# Minimal Pairs

/b/ with /d/

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bad	dad
bib	bid
big	dig
cub	cud
rib	rid
sob	sod
web	wed
bait	date
bay	day
bean	dean
beep	deep
bump	dump
robe	road
brag	drag
brain	drain
bribe	bride
stub	stud
buck	duck
bark	dark
bunk	dunk

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rib	rip
mob	mop
gab	gap
lab	lap
big	pig
bet	pet
but	putt
bark	park
bit	pit
buy	pie
bat	pat
bin	pin
bad	pad
bun	pun
cub	cup
tab	tap
pub	pup
slab	slap
robe	rope
cab	cap

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pan	fan
pat	fat
pig	fig
beep	beef
leap	leaf
pace	face
pact	fact
pale	fail
pile	file
past	fast
paint	faint
gulp	gulf
cheap	chief
pride	fried
pull	full

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bat	bad
fat	fad
hat	had
pat	pad
pot	pod
ten	den
tip	dip
tent	dent
coat	code
ate	aid
fate	fade
set	said
knot	nod
hurt	heard
hit	hid
wet	wed
drip	trip
dune	tune
seed	seat
send	sent
raid	rate
side	sight
die	tie
cold	colt
drew	true

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lock	rock
lake	rake
fly	fry
glass	grass
flea	free
flute	fruit
long	wrong
liver	river
light	right
blue	brew
lip	rip
lug	rug
lot	rot
link	rink
led	red
lap	rap
lid	rid
heal	hear
list	wrist
hail	hair
deal	dear
file	fire
lamp	ramp

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yam	jam
yet	jet
year	jeer
yoke	joke
yak	Jack
yes	Jess
yell	gel
yard	jarred
use	juice
yacht	jot

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base	vase
bend	vend
bent	vent
best	vest
boat	vote
bail	veil
bow	vow
berry	very
bat	vat
ban	van
bend	vend
bet	vet
curb	curve
verb	verve
dub	dove
cabs	calves
swab	suave

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/r/ with /w/

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ray	way
rent	went
rate	wait
rave	wave
rail	wail
raid	wade
rage	wage
rest	west
raced	waist
crest	quest
raise	ways
rich	witch
rig	wig
ring	wing
rock	wok
rake	wake
read	weed



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vet	wet
vest	west
vent	went
vend	wend
vine	wine
Vic	wick
verse	worse
vow	wow
viper	wiper
vary	wary
veil	wail

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/s/ with /z/

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sap	zap
sip	zip
sit	zit
bus	buzz
lace	lays
lice	lies
once	ones
pace	pays
price	prize
fleece	fleas
fuss	fuzz
dice	dies
dense	dens
face	phase
grace	grays
ice	eyes
close	cloze
rice	rise
lacy	lazy
spice	spies

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got	cot
grab	crab
glad	clad
bag	back
bug	buck
lag	lack
peg	peck
rig	rick
tug	tuck
clog	clock
tugged	tucked
ghost	coast
gripped	crypt
grew	crew
sag	sack
gap	cap
gate	Kate
game	came
gum	come
goat	coat

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go	doe
gum	dumb
gaze	days
gig	dig
game	dame
gust	dust
gash	dash
grip	drip
gate	date
got	dot
guy	die
guide	died
grab	drab
groan	drone

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hat	fat
hit	fit
hold	fold
hive	five
hair	fair
horse	force
heel	feel
hole	foal
hairy	fairy
hall	fall
heat	feet

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/l/ with /s/

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line	sign
low	sew
lift	sift
led	said
lock	sock
long	song
lend	send
lick	sick
lip	sip

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vat	fat
vast	fast
vest	fest
save	safe
vine	fine
veal	feel
leave	leaf
strive	strife
lived	lift
have	half
view	few
veil	fail

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/m/ with /n/

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am	an
map	nap
met	net
male	nail
meat	neat
mat	gnat
hem	hen
foam	phone
term	turn
game	gain
came	cane
team	teen
seem	seen
sum	sun
beam	bean
skim	skin
clam	clan
might	night



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/ă/ with /ĕ/

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bag	beg
tan	ten
fan	fen
pat	pet
bat	bet
sat	set
ham	hem
rad	red
pan	pen
mat	met
and	end
man	men
sad	said
gas	guess
had	head
dad	dead
bad	bed
jam	gem

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hut	hot
sup	sop
gut	got
nut	not
mud	mod
sub	sob
rub	rob
cub	cob
cup	cop
cut	cot
jug	jog
pup	pop
bucks	box
duck	dock
bum	bomb

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bet	bait
gel	jail
let	late
pen	pain
pest	paste
sent	saint
shed	shade
test	taste
west	waist
wet	wait
let	late
get	gate
sell	sale
tell	tale
fed	fade
wed	wade
less	lace
shell	shale
chess	chase

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bit	bet
him	hem
lid	led
pig	peg
pit	pet
sit	set
tint	tent
will	well
miss	mess
lift	left
gym	gem
spill	spell
knit	net
chick	check
did	dead
hid	head
mitt	met

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teen	tin
heap	hip
heel	hill
peel	pill
eel	ill
deep	dip
green	grin
greet	grit
sleep	slip
meet	mitt
sheen	shin
sheep	ship
cheap	chip
sleeper	slipper
wheat	whit
deeper	dipper
cheek	chick
leap	lip
peek	pick

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## Short and Long with R-Controlled Vowels

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had	hard
bid	bird
fen	fern
am	arm
con	corn
hut	hurt
cub	curb
gill	girl
cave	carve
lad	lard
fist	first
pet	pert
ham	harm
sot	sort
cussed	cursed
luck	lurk
gem	germ
stoke	stork

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/ar/ with /er/

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far	fur
star	stir
barn	burn
cart	Kurt
dart	dirt
farm	firm
park	perk
shark	shirk
hard	heard
heart	hurt

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dock	dark
lock	lark
mock	mark
pock	park
shock	shark
box	barks
knock	nark



# Minimal Pairs

/or/ with /er/

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for	fur
born	burn
form	firm
torn	turn
bored	bird
court	Kurt
pork	perk
store	stir
short	shirt
warm	worm

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/sh/ with /ch/

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bash	batch
she's	cheese
hash	hatch
hush	hutch
lash	latch
mash	match
marsh	march
mush	much
dish	ditch
wish	witch
wash	watch
cash	catch
crush	crutch
shop	chop
shoes	choose
ship	chip
share	chair
Shane	chain
shin	chin
sheep	cheap

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/s/ with /sh/

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mass	mash
sake	shake
same	shame
save	shave
seat	sheet
sip	ship
plus	plush
self	shelf
sell	shell
crust	crushed
fist	fished
rust	rushed
sack	shack
cell	shell
sock	shock
said	shed
sigh	shy
sort	short
sore	shore
sign	shine

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shade	jade
shake	Jake
sheep	jeep
shell	gel
shin	gin
shot	jot
shack	Jack
bash	badge
marsh	Marge
shirk	jerk

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/th/ ⊖ with /th/ ⊕

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thigh	thy
loath	loathe
mouth	mouthe
wreath	wreathe
sheath	sheathe
teeth	teethe
ether	either

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/d/ with /th/ ☹️

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breed	breathe
dare	their
Dave	they've
day	they
den	then
dine	thine
doze	those
doe	though
tide	tithe
udder	other
wordy	worthy

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/s/ with /th/ ⊖

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mass	math
moss	moth
pass	path
seam	theme
sin	thin
face	faith
sank	thank
sink	think
tense	tenth
force	forth
sigh	thigh
gross	growth
mouse	mouth
saw	thaw
worse	worth
some	thumb

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/z/ with /th/ ☹️

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Zen	then
close	clothe
breeze	breathe
lows	loathe
she's	sheathe
tease	teethe
ties	tithe
wizard	withered



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## Special Contrasts: Consonants including Digraphs

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sin	shin
tin	thin
wit	with
gin	chin
wish	which
lass	lash
cheap	jeep
sheer	cheer
vim	whim
tree	three
tank	thank
flung	flunk
cinch	singe
badge	batch
lathe	laze
singer	sinker

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jeer	cheer
joke	choke
jeep	cheap
Jane	chain
jump	chump
jest	chest
gin	chin
Jess	chess

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hut	hutch
out	ouch
cat	catch
wit	witch
mat	match
coat	coach
tease	cheese
tin	chin
top	chop
talk	chalk
tick	chick
tip	chip
tore	chore
two	chew

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/oo/ (as in *look*) with /oo/ (as in *zoo*)

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full	fool
pull	pool
look	Luke
soot	suit
wood	woed
could	cooed
hood	who'd
should	shooed

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## Special Contrasts: Vowels including Special Vowel Sounds

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crone	crown
fool	foul
calf	cough
hack	hawk
stack	stalk
tack	talk
sit	sight
crowd	crowed
boot	bout
hat	halt
nuke	nook
soul	soil
laughed	loft