

11. List – lest

12. Clinch – clench

### Exercise

Complete the table below with a word in which either the sound /e/ or /i/ brings the difference in pronunciation.

|   | /e/  | /i/  |
|---|------|------|
| 1 | Head |      |
| 2 |      | Miss |
| 3 |      | Hymn |
| 4 | Led  |      |
| 5 | Fen  |      |
| 6 |      | Lid  |
| 7 | Den  |      |
| 8 | Peg  |      |

### Sounds /e/ and /ei/

The following words vary by one having the vowel sound /e/ and the other a diphthong /ei/

1. Wet – wait

10. West – waste/ waist

2. Bread – braid

11. When – wane

3. Fen – feign

12. Edge – age

4. Bed – bade

13. Gel – jail

5. Get – gate/ gait

14. Lens – lanes

6. Let – late

15. Breast – braced

7. Met – mate

16. Sent – saint

8. Lest – laced

17. Test – taste

9. Tech – take

18. Best – based

19. Wren – rain/ reign

21. Bled – blade

20. Led – laid

22. Fed – fade

**Exercise**

**Each word below has another word in which either the sound /e/ or /ei/ will bring the distinction in pronunciation. Write that word.**

(a) Fell

(d) Sell

(g) Raid

(j) Stayed

(b) Pain

(e) Well

(h) Date

(k) Bet

(c) Hail

(f) Mate

(i) Men

(l) Jail

**Sounds /e/ and /i/**

1. Batter – butter

13. Drank – drunk

2. Cap – cup

14. Fan – fun

3. Cat – cut

15. Hat – hut

4. Back – buck

16. Badge – budge

5. Brash – brush

17. Hang – hung

6. Dabble – double

18. Massed – must

7. Rang – rung

19. Rash – rush

8. Track – truck

20. Sank – sunk

9. Bad – bud

21. Ran – run

10. Began – begun

22. Swam – swum

11. Bag – bug

23. Ban – bun

12. Pan – pun

24. Ham – hum

**Exercise**

**Complete the table below with the minimal pair of the word. Consider the sound indicated in each column.**

|     | /e/   | /i/ |
|-----|-------|-----|
| (a) |       | But |
| (b) | Match |     |

|     |       |       |
|-----|-------|-------|
| (c) | Mad   |       |
| (d) |       | Flush |
| (e) | Cam   |       |
| (f) |       | Dumb  |
| (g) | Sang  |       |
| (h) |       | Uncle |
| (i) | Crash |       |
| (j) | Sack  |       |
| (k) |       | Dump  |
| (l) |       | Tug   |

### Sounds /æ/ and /e/

look at the list below.

- |               |                  |                   |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Bad – bed  | 6. Sat – set     | 11. Pan – pen     |
| 2. And – end  | 7. Shall – shell | 12. Sad – said    |
| 3. Had – head | 8. Man – men     | 13. Manned – mend |
| 4. Jam – gem  | 9. Bag – beg     | 14. Land – lend   |
| 5. Pat – pet  | 10. Ham – hem    |                   |

### Exercise

Complete the table with appropriate word that vary with the sound indicated in the column.

|     | /æ/    | /e/   |
|-----|--------|-------|
| (a) | Marry  |       |
| (b) |        | Blend |
| (c) | Cattle |       |
| (d) | Vat    |       |
| (e) | Sacks  |       |

|     |      |      |
|-----|------|------|
| (f) |      | Trek |
| (g) | Trad |      |
| (h) |      | met  |

### Minimal Pairs of /ɑ:/ and /ɜ:/

- |                       |                   |                 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. fast – first       | 7. guard – gird   | 13. par – purr  |
| 2. bath – berth/birth | 8. pa – per       | 14. park – perk |
| 3. heart – hurt       | 9. bar – bur      | 15. star – stir |
| 4. bard – bird        | 10. barn – burn   | 16. arc – irk   |
| 5. car – cur          | 11. carve – curve |                 |
| 6. card – curd        | 12. dart – dirt   |                 |

### Exercise 6

Considering the sounds /ɑ:/ and /ɜ:/, write the minimal pair of:

- |                |          |           |
|----------------|----------|-----------|
| (a) far        | (c) pass | (e) shark |
| (b) heard/herd | (d) farm | (f) curt  |

### Minimal Pairs of /b/ and /v/

- |                   |                 |                      |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. bat – vat      | 6. bale – veil  | 11. broom – vroom    |
| 2. beer – veer    | 7. bane – vein  | 12. dribble – drivel |
| 3. bowl – vole    | 8. curb – curve | 13. dub – dove       |
| 4. bow – vow      | 9. bolt – volt  | 14. jibe – jive      |
| 5. gibbon – given | 10. bowl – vole | 15. rebel – revel    |

### Exercise 7

There is another word that will vary with the one written below with just one sound. Depending on the sounds /b/ and /v/, write that word.

- |         |          |          |            |
|---------|----------|----------|------------|
| (a) van | (b) boat | (c) Vest | (d) Vowels |
|---------|----------|----------|------------|

(e) Vent

(f) Bury

(g) Loaves

(h) Verve

**Minimal pairs of /f/ and /v/**

- Fan – van
- Off – of
- Fat – vat
- Fee – v
- Foul – vowel
- Fender – vendor
- Serf/Surf – serve
- Duff – dove
- Fie – vie
- Foal – vole
- Guff – guv
- Waif – waive
- Gif – give
- Life – live
- Safe – save
- Belief – believe
- Feel – veal
- Staff – starve
- Feign – vain/ vein
- Foist – voiced
- Fox – vox
- Reef – reeve

**Exercise 8**

**Write the minimal pair of the word below with consideration being either the sound /f/ or /v/.**

(a) Ferry

(d) Fine

(g) Veil

(j) Fault

(b) Leaf

(e) Half

(h) Grief

(k) Vile

(c) Vast

(f) Proof

(i) Calf

(l) Strive

**Minimal Pairs of Sounds /s/ and /θ/**

- Mouse – mouth
- Sing – thing
- Face – faith
- Force – fourth
- Sick – thick
- Sink – think
- Sort – thought
- Tense – tenth
- Mass – math
- Miss – myth
- Pass – path
- Saw – thaw
- Seem – theme
- Some – thumb
- Song – thong
- Worse – worth
- Gross – growth
- Sigh – thigh
- Sin – thin
- Sum – thumb
- Piss – pith
- Sawn – thorn
- Symbol – thimble
- Sore – thaw

- Truce – truth
- Sought – thought
- Moss – moth
- Sump – thump
- Suds – thuds
- Sank – thank

### Sounds /t/ and /d/

- Town – down
- Tick – dick
- Tout – doubt
- Team – deem
- Touch – Dutch
- Tine – dine
- Tug – dug
- Tent – dent
- Tear – dare
- Hat – had
- Tale/ tail – dale
- Toast – dosed
- Ten – den
- Spent – spend
- Teed – deed
- Tomb – doom
- Tongue – dung
- Too/ to/two – do
- Tier – deer
- Tower – dour
- Tart – dart
- Train – drain
- Tint – dint
- Tux – ducks
- Tech – deck
- Tide – dyed/died
- Sheet – she'd
- Tamp – damp
- Tin – din
- Torn – dawn
- Wait – weighed
- Tell – dell
- Toe – doe
- Teal – deal
- Tie – die
- Till – dill
- Tough – duff
- Teen – dean
- Try – dry
- Tusk – dusk
- Tuck – duck
- Tyre/tire – dire
- Tear – dear
- Sight – side
- Tab – dab
- Toes – doze
- Tip – dip
- Beat – bead
- Tank – dank
- Tame – dame

### Exercise 9

Each word below has another word in which all the sounds are the same except either the sound /t/ or /d/ is different. Write that word.

- |           |           |          |            |
|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| (a) Bat   | (f) Bed   | (k) Hit  | (p) Nod    |
| (b) God   | (g) Bored | (l) Hurt | (q) Set    |
| (c) Write | (h) Eight | (m) Mat  | (r) Played |
| (d) And   | (i) Bet   | (n) Mend | (s) Sat    |
| (e) At    | (j) Feet  | (o) Neat | (t) Dead   |

## Minimal Pairs of /k/ and /g/

### Initial

- Came – game
- Card – guard
- Cold – gold
- Clean – glean
- Crate – great
- Cap – gap
- Coast – ghost
- Kale – gale
- Can – gone
- Course – gorse
- Cram – gram
- Crepe – grape
- Crew – grew
- Croup – group
- Crow – grow
- Key – ghee
- K – gay
- Clamour – glamour
- Clad – glad
- Crane – grain
- Creed – greed
- Krill – grill
- Cunning – gunning
- Cab – gab
- Cape – gape
- Clam – glam
- Cord – gored
- Coup – goo
- Crate – grate
- Cuff – guff

### Final

- Clock – clog
- Dock – dog
- Frock – frog
- Muck – mug
- Brick – brig
- Broke –
- brogue
- Crack – crag
- Prick – prig
- Puck – pug
- Shack – shag
- Slack – slag
- Snuck – snug
- Stack – stag
- Whack – wag
- Wick – wig
- Jock – jog
- Lack – lag
- Luck – lug
- Beck – beg
- Cock – cog
- Hack – hag
- Pick – pig

### Exercise 10

Complete the table with appropriate word that only differs with one sound with the one given. Consider the sounds in the columns.

|     | /k/  | /g/  |
|-----|------|------|
| (a) | Tack |      |
| (b) |      | Flog |
| (c) | Tuck |      |

|     |       |      |
|-----|-------|------|
| (d) |       | Gum  |
| (e) |       | Gash |
| (f) | Jack  |      |
| (g) | Cave  |      |
| (h) |       | Sag  |
| (i) | Leak  |      |
| (j) | Crab  |      |
| (k) | Class |      |
| (l) |       | Good |
| (m) |       | Goat |
| (n) |       | Blog |
| (o) | Kill  |      |
| (p) |       | Dug  |
| (q) |       | Gut  |
| (r) |       | Log  |
| (s) | Rack  |      |
| (t) | Cot   |      |

## HOMOPHONES

Words pronounced the same way but have different spellings and meanings are the homophones. The list below is English homophones.

1. Accessary accessory
2. Ad, add
3. Ail, ale
4. Air, heir
5. Aisle, I'll, isle
6. All, awl
7. Allowed, aloud
8. Alms, arms
9. Altar, alter
10. Ante, anti
11. Arc, ark
12. Aural, oral



13. Away, aweigh
14. Awe, oar, or, ore
15. Axel, axle
16. Aye, eye, I
17. Bail, bale
18. Bait, bate
19. Baize, bays
20. Bald, bawled
21. Ball, bawl
22. Band, banned
23. Bard, barred
24. Bare, bear
25. Bark, barque
26. Baron, barren
27. Base, bass
28. Bay, bey
29. Bazaar, bizarre
30. Be, bee
31. Beach, beech
32. Bean, been
33. Beat, beet
34. Beau, bow
35. Beer, bier
36. Bell, belle
37. Berry, bury
38. Berth, birth
39. Bight, bite, byte
40. Billed, build
41. Bitten, bittern
42. Blew, blue
43. Bloc, block
44. Boar, bore
45. Board, bored
46. Boarder, border
47. Bold, bawled
48. Boos, booze
49. Born, borne
50. Bough, bow
51. Boy, buoy
52. Brae, bray
53. Braid, brayed
54. Braise, brays, braze
55. Brake, break
56. Bread, bred
57. Brews, bruise
58. Bridal, bridle
59. Broach, brooch
60. Bur, burr
61. But, butt
62. Buy, by, bye
63. Buyer, byre
64. Call, caul

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 65. Canvas, canvass         | 91. Council, counsel    |
| 66. Cast, caste             | 92. Cousin, cozen       |
| 67. Caster, castor          | 93. Creak, creek        |
| 68. Caught, court           | 94. Crews, cruise       |
| 69. Caw, core, corps        | 95. Cue, queue          |
| 70. Cede, seed              | 96. Curb, kerb          |
| 71. Ceiling, sealing        | 97. Currant, current    |
| 72. Censer, censor, sensor  | 98. Cymbol, symbol      |
| 73. Cent, scent, sent       | 99. Dam, damn           |
| 74. Cereal, serial          | 100. Days, daze         |
| 75. Cheap, cheep            | 101. Dear, deer         |
| 76. Check, cheque           | 102. Descent, dissent   |
| 77. Choir, quire            | 103. Desert, dessert    |
| 78. Chord, cord             | 104. Deviser, divisor   |
| 79. Cite, sight, site       | 105. Dew, due           |
| 80. Clack, claque           | 106. Die, dye           |
| 81. Clew, clue              | 107. Discreet, discrete |
| 82. Climb, clime            | 108. Doe, dough         |
| 83. Close, cloze            | 109. Done, dun          |
| 84. Coarse, course          | 110. Douse, dowse       |
| 85. Coign, coin             | 111. Draft, draught     |
| 86. Colonel, kernel         | 112. Dual, duel         |
| 87. Complacent, complaisant | 113. Earn, urn          |
| 88. Complement, compliment  | 114. Ewe, yew, you      |
| 89. Coo, coup               | 115. Faint, feint       |
| 90. Cops, copse             | 116. Fair, fare         |

|      |                   |      |                    |
|------|-------------------|------|--------------------|
| 117. | Farther, father   | 143. | Friar, fryer       |
| 118. | Fate, fete        | 144. | Furs, furze        |
| 119. | Faun, fawn        | 145. | Gait, gate         |
| 120. | Fay, fey          | 146. | Gamble, gambol     |
| 121. | Faze, phase       | 147. | Gays, gaze         |
| 122. | Feat, feet        | 148. | Genes, jeans       |
| 123. | Ferrule, ferule   | 149. | Gild, guild        |
| 124. | Few, phew         | 150. | Gilt, guilt        |
| 125. | File, phial       | 151. | Gnaw, nor          |
| 126. | Find, fined       | 152. | Gneiss, nice       |
| 127. | Fir, fur          | 153. | Gorilla, guerrilla |
| 128. | Flair, flare      | 154. | Grate, great       |
| 129. | Flaw, floor       | 155. | Greave, grieve     |
| 130. | Flea, flee        | 156. | Greys, graze       |
| 131. | Flex, flecks      | 157. | Groan, grown       |
| 132. | Flew, flu, flue   | 158. | Guessed, guest     |
| 133. | Floe, flow        | 159. | Hail, hale         |
| 134. | Flour, flower     | 160. | Hair, hare         |
| 135. | Foaled, fold      | 161. | Hall, haul         |
| 136. | For, fore, four   | 162. | Hangar, hanger     |
| 137. | Foreword, forward | 163. | Hart, heart        |
| 138. | Fort, fought      | 164. | Haw, hoar, whore   |
| 139. | Forth, fourth     | 165. | Hay, hey           |
| 140. | Foul, fowl        | 166. | Heal, heel, he'll  |
| 141. | Franc, frank      | 167. | Hear, here         |
| 142. | Freeze, frieze    | 168. | Heard, herd        |

|      |                     |      |                |
|------|---------------------|------|----------------|
| 169. | He'd, heed          | 195. | Knows, nose    |
| 170. | Heroin, heroine     | 196. | Laager, lager  |
| 171. | Hew, hue            | 197. | Lac, lack      |
| 172. | Hi, high            | 198. | Lade, laid     |
| 173. | Higher, hire        | 199. | Lain, lane     |
| 174. | Him, hymn           | 200. | Lam, lamb      |
| 175. | Ho, hoe             | 201. | Laps, lapse    |
| 176. | Hoard, horde        | 202. | Larva, lava    |
| 177. | Hoarse, horse       | 203. | Lase, laze     |
| 178. | Holey, holy, wholly | 204. | Law, lore      |
| 179. | Hour, our           | 205. | Lay, ley       |
| 180. | Idle, idol          | 206. | Lea, lee       |
| 181. | In, inn             | 207. | Leach, leech   |
| 182. | Indict, indite      | 208. | Lead, led      |
| 183. | It's, its           | 209. | Leak, leek     |
| 184. | Jewel, joule        | 210. | Lean, lien     |
| 185. | Key, quay           | 211. | Lessen, lesson |
| 186. | Knave, nave         | 212. | Levee, levy    |
| 187. | Knead, need         | 213. | Liar, lyre     |
| 188. | Knew, new           | 214. | Licker, liquor |
| 189. | Knight, night       | 215. | Lie, lye       |
| 190. | Knit, nit           | 216. | Lieu, loo      |
| 191. | Knob, nob           | 217. | Links, lynx    |
| 192. | Knock,nock          | 218. | Lo, low        |
| 193. | Knot, not           | 219. | Load, lode     |
| 194. | Know, no            | 220. | Loan, lone     |

|      |                  |      |                           |
|------|------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 221. | Locks, lox       | 247. | Mode, mowed               |
| 222. | Loop, loupe      | 248. | Moor, more                |
| 223. | Loot, lute       | 249. | Moose, mousse             |
| 224. | Made, maid       | 250. | Morning, mourning         |
| 225. | Mail, male       | 251. | Muscle, mussel            |
| 226. | Main, mane       | 252. | Naval, navel              |
| 227. | Maize, maze      | 253. | Nay, neigh                |
| 228. | Mall, maul       | 254. | None, nun                 |
| 229. | Manna, manner    | 255. | Od, odd                   |
| 230. | Mantel, mantle   | 256. | Ode, owed                 |
| 231. | Mare, mayor      | 257. | Oh, owe                   |
| 232. | Mark, marque     | 258. | One, won                  |
| 233. | Marshal, martial | 259. | Packed, pact              |
| 234. | Mask, masque     | 260. | Pail, pale                |
| 235. | Maw, more        | 261. | Pain, pane                |
| 236. | Me, mi           | 262. | Pair, pare, pear          |
| 237. | Mean, mien       | 263. | Palate, palette, pallet   |
| 238. | Meat, meet, mete | 264. | Paten, pattern,           |
| 239. | Medal, meddle    | 265. | Pause, paws, pores, pours |
| 240. | Metal, mettle    | 266. | Pawn, porn                |
| 241. | Meter, metre     | 267. | Pea, pee                  |
| 242. | Might, mite      | 268. | Peace, piece              |
| 243. | Miner, minor     | 269. | Peak, peek                |
| 244. | Mind, mined      | 270. | Peal, peel                |
| 245. | Missed, mist     | 271. | Pearl, purl               |
| 246. | Moat, mote       | 272. | Pedal, peddle             |

|      |                      |      |                  |
|------|----------------------|------|------------------|
| 273. | Peer, pier           | 299. | Ring, wring      |
| 274. | Pi, pie              | 300. | Road, rode       |
| 275. | Place, plaice        | 301. | Roe, row         |
| 276. | Plain, plane         | 302. | Role, roll       |
| 277. | Pleas, please        | 303. | Roux, rue        |
| 278. | Plum, plumb          | 304. | Rood, rude       |
| 279. | Pole, poll           | 305. | Root, route      |
| 280. | Practice, practise   | 306. | Rose, rows       |
| 281. | Praise, prays, preys | 307. | Rota, rotor      |
| 282. | Principal, principle | 308. | Rote, wrote      |
| 283. | Profit, prophet      | 309. | Rough, ruff      |
| 284. | Quarts, quartz       | 310. | Rouse, rows      |
| 285. | Quean, queen         | 311. | Rung, wrung      |
| 286. | Rain, reign, rein    | 312. | Rye, wry         |
| 287. | Raise, rays, raze    | 313. | Saver, savour    |
| 288. | Rap, wrap            | 314. | Spade, spayed    |
| 289. | Raw, roar            | 315. | Sale, sail       |
| 290. | Read, reed           | 316. | Sane, seine      |
| 291. | Read, red            | 317. | Satire, satyr    |
| 292. | Real, reel           | 318. | Sauce, source    |
| 293. | Reek, wreak          | 319. | Saw, soar, sore  |
| 294. | Rest, wrest          | 320. | Scene, seen      |
| 295. | Retch, wretch        | 321. | Scull, skull     |
| 296. | Review, revue        | 322. | Sea, see         |
| 297. | Rheum, room          | 323. | Seam, seem       |
| 298. | Right, rite, write   | 324. | Sear, seer, sere |

|      |                       |      |                      |
|------|-----------------------|------|----------------------|
| 325. | Seas, sees, seize     | 351. | Swat,swot            |
| 326. | Sew, so, sow          | 352. | Tacks,tax            |
| 327. | Shake, sheikh         | 353. | Tale,tail            |
| 328. | Shear, sheer          | 354. | Talk,torque          |
| 329. | Shoe, shoo            | 355. | Tare, tear           |
| 330. | Sic, sick             | 356. | Taught,taut,tort     |
| 331. | Side, sighed          | 357. | Tea,tee              |
| 332. | Sign, sine            | 358. | Team,teem            |
| 333. | Sink, synch           | 359. | Teas, tease          |
| 334. | Slay, sleigh          | 360. | Tare, tear           |
| 335. | Sloe, slow            | 361. | Tern,t urn           |
| 336. | Sole, soul            | 362. | There,their, they're |
| 337. | Some, sum             | 363. | Threw,through        |
| 338. | Son, sun              | 364. | Throes,throws        |
| 339. | Sort, sought          | 365. | Throne, thrown       |
| 340. | Spa,spar              | 366. | Thyme,time           |
| 341. | Staid,stayed          | 367. | Tic,tick             |
| 342. | Stair,stare           | 368. | Tide,tied            |
| 343. | Stake,stoak           | 369. | Tire,tyre            |
| 344. | Stalk,stork           | 370. | To,too,two           |
| 345. | Stationary,stationery | 371. | Toad,toed,towed      |
| 346. | Steal,steel           | 372. | Told,tolled          |
| 347. | Stile,style           | 373. | Tole,toll            |
| 348. | Storey,story          | 374. | Ton,tun              |
| 349. | Straight,strait       | 375. | Tor,tore             |
| 350. | Sweat,sweet           | 376. | Tough,tuff           |