

Minimal Pair Cards

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S and sh. Cut along the lines. Each row is a pair: two words that differ by one sound.



sip



ship



bus



bush



sell



shell



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Minimal Pair Cards

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S and z. Cut along the lines. Each row is a pair: two words that differ by one sound.



sip



zip



ice



eyes



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Minimal Pair Cards

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Sh and ch. Cut along the lines. Each row is a pair: two words that differ by one sound.



ship



chip



shop



chop



wash



watch



shoe



chew



cash



catch



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For the grown-up. Five minutes, a few pairs, and stop while it is still fun. Listening comes before saying.

The listening game

Lay out one pair. Say one word and let your child point to it. Mix up which word you say, about ten times.

The saying game

Swap roles. Your child says a word and you point to the card you heard, honestly. If they meant key and said tea, point to the tea, and try again.

Memory

Cut the cards apart and lay them face down. Turn two at a time; a match is a pair. Name both pictures to keep them.

Go fish

Deal five cards each. Ask for the card that pairs with one of yours. Asking for the key only works if you say key.



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