

The Tiny TEFL Teacher

Minimal Pairs Lists

æ	ʌ
cat	cut
ankle	uncle
ran	run
drank	drunk
match	much

ɪ	i:
ship	sheep
it	eat
hit	heat
bin	bean
live	leave

æ	e
bat	bet
dad	dead
pack	peck
sad	said
tan	ten

ɜ:	ɔ:
work	walk
bird	bored
fur	for
shirt	short
sir	saw

æ	eɪ
hat	hate
mad	made
lack	lake
back	bake
cap	cape

ɑ:	ɔ:
far	four
tart	taught
part	port
farm	form
barn	born

ʃ	s
ship	sip
she	sea
sure	sore
shoot	suit
shy	sigh

s	z
sip	zip
sue	zoo
place	plays
rice	rise
ice	eyes

ʃ	tʃ
shoes	choose
sheep	cheap
wash	watch
mash	match
cash	catch

t	θ
tin	thin
true	through
tree	three
taught	thought
boat	both

s	θ
sin	thin
sum	thumb
sank	thank
sink	think
saw	thaw

d	ð
doze	those
day	they
dare	there
den	then
dough	though

r	l
fry	fly
right	light
grammar	glamour
wrong	long
wrist	list

ŋk	ŋ
think	thing
sank	sang
bank	bang
rink	ring
sunk	sung

w	v
wine	vine
west	vest
while	vile
wet	vet
wary	vary

v	b
vote	boat
very	berry
van	ban
vest	best
vet	bet

p	b
pin	bin
pest	best
pig	big
pit	bit
poured	bored

p	f
poor	four
pair	fair
pine	fine
pill	fill
please	fleas