

Minimal Pairs

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Initial

third	heard
thick	sick
pin	thin
thick	lick
thong	song
rink	think
nerd	third
thumb	gum
wink	think
wonder	thunder
thorn	thorn
pie	thigh
chief	thief
sink	think
chin	thin
thick	pick
long	thong
third	bird
tick	thick
thigh	bye
corn	thorn
thigh	tie
pink	think
wick	thick
thorn	worn
thief	beef
high	thigh
horn	thorn
third	word
kick	thick
leaf	thief

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Final

teeth	tea
baa	bath
patch	path
bath	badge
bad	bath
mat	math
path	pan
math	map
back	bath
math	mad
tent	tenth
match	math
path	pass
two	tooth
path	pat
bath	bat
man	math
pack	path

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Initial

that	sat
that	rat
that	cat
that	mat
that	bat
that	flat
this	miss
this	kiss
this	hiss
them	m
then	men
then	Ken
then	n
then	den
then	Ben
these	sees
these	keys
these	sneeze
these	breeze
these	sneeze

[s]**Initial**

no sew
 six mix
 sat fat
 rip sip
 sink think
 nail sail
 cat sat
 sunny funny
 socks fox
 tanned sand
 soap rope
 sail veil
 knee sea
 sat mat
 gun sun
 toe sew
 soak poke
 sail jail
 socks box
 pat sat
 sail tail
 sew mow
 sip whip
 hand sand
 go sew
 sun fun
 sad mad
 ham Sam
 sat rat
 run sun
 pail sail
 sick tick
 dad sad
 rocks socks
 sick lick
 one sun
 pink sink
 sea pea
 sing king
 wick sick
 rail sail
 sea bee
 sad bad
 chicks six
 sign nine
 deal seal
 sat bat
 woke soak
 seal meal
 sew bow
 whale sail
 wink sink
 sunny money
 seal peel
 sand fanned
 hat sat
 go sew

[s]**Initial**

Sam lamb
 sip zip
 pick sick
 shine sign
 row sew
 sun bun
 wheel seal
 Sam jam
 ring sing
 kick sick
 sea key
 line sign
 yolk soak
 sew hoe
 sandal handle
 thong song
 sip lip
 honey sunny
 row sew
 sick thick
 long song
 hip sip
 choke soak
 mail sail
 sew toe
 sand band
 bunny sunny
 sip dip
 wing sing
 bow sew
 ship sip
 sandal candle
 vine sign
 soak joke
 sink rink

[s]**Final**

pat pass
 pass pack
 mouse mouth
 patch pass
 pass path
 mice mine
 pan pass
 mine mice
 toss taught
 moose moo
 lice light

[z]**Initial**

zoo new
 lip zip
 zoom boom
 key z
 boo zoo
 zip sip
 z pea
 shoe zoo
 whip zip
 hero zero
 zoo moo
 chip zip
 z knee
 zip rip
 two zoo
 hip zip
 sea z
 goo zoo
 room zoom
 ship zip
 zoo chew
 bee z

Final

chains change
 beep bees
 toad toes
 cheese cheek
 bean bees
 rose road
 beak bees
 bows bone
 bees beet
 rope rose
 bees bead
 chief cheese
 beef bees
 boat bows
 bees beach

[r]

hold rolled
 sat rat
 pay ray
 rat pat
 raced paste
 rip chip
 wink rink
 mug rug
 jug rug
 veil rail
 roar door
 rail sail
 hay ray
 poor roar
 ray day
 dip rip
 rolled cold
 rug hug
 toast roast
 sink rink
 hat rat
 chased raced
 rocks box
 no row
 fox rocks
 rail jail
 red bed
 room zoom
 rail nail
 weigh ray
 rail mail
 row bow
 head red
 teach reach
 lace race
 beach reach
 bug rug
 rose nose
 toes rose
 rat mat
 dust rust
 face race
 fat rat
 neigh ray
 rolled mold
 pail rail
 dead red
 race chase
 boom room
 bows rose
 bat rat
 king ring
 rug bug
 wing ring
 mice rice
 rock sock
 rolled fold
 knock rock
 light write

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rug hug
 gun run
 four roar
 kite write
 lip rip
 core roar
 write bite
 write white
 mane rain
 vein rain
 rope soap
 fight write
 taste raced
 row toe
 socks rocks
 row mow
 sip rip
 gold rolled
 jacket racket
 tail rail
 write night
 go row
 run sun
 ring sing
 rink pink
 run fun
 lock rock
 bun run
 sew row
 rip ship
 zip rip
 whale rail
 rip whip
 run one
 mug rug
 think rink
 rat cat
 hip rip

[l]**Initial**

log	dog
leather	feather
tick	lick
pog	log
lock	rock
lake	back
lick	sick
look	book
wick	lick
cook	look
lick	pick
hook	look
lip	zip
cake	lake
rip	lip
kick	lick
lip	dip
light	night
lip	sip
Sam	lamb
knock	lock
chip	lip
sock	lock
thick	lick
ham	lamb
lip	ship
lamp	camp
whip	lip
fight	light
hip	lip
write	light
thong	long
light	white
line	shine
light	bite
yawn	lawn
kite	light
line	nine
heap	leap
vine	line
leap	deep
sign	line
leap	cheep
long	song
late	wait
lawn	dawn
jeep	leap
half	laugh
sheep	leap
limb	him
laugh	calf
keep	leap
lamb	jam
leap	peep
thief	leaf
wife	life

[l]**Initial**

chase	lace
life	knife
lace	race
limb	gym
leaf	chief
lace	face

Final

hall	hawk
rope	roll
wash	wall
rail	rake
talk	tall
bows	bowl
watch	wall
rain	rail
tall	top
rose	roll
bowl	bone
wall	watch
roll	road
boat	bowl

[l]**Initial**

sheep	leap
shirt	hurt
moo	shoe
sip	ship
vine	shine
sheep	jeep
bark	shark
shave	wave
rip	ship
shell	fell
pave	shave
shop	chop
whip	ship
shoe	boo
dark	shark
sign	shine
shop	mop
shoe	new
dirt	shirt
deep	sheep
ship	chip
pop	shop
line	shine
chew	shoe
ship	lip
keep	sheep
shop	cop
shoe	two
shark	park
bell	shell
shine	nine
zoo	shoe
ship	zip
sheep	cheep
goo	shoe
shop	top
zip	ship
peep	sheep
hop	shop
cave	shave

Final

leash	leaf
leash	leech
mash	match
leap	leash
wall	wash
leash	lead
leaf	leash
wash	watch
lean	leash
leash	leech
man	mash
leak	leash
walk	wash

[tʃ]**Initial**

taste	chased
chase	face
chin	pin
chase	lace
thin	chin
raced	chased
cheese	peas
chip	ship
race	chase
hip	chip
catch	can
patch	pack
beach	bees
leave	leech
knees	cheese
cheer	near
chip	sip
keys	cheese
jeep	cheep
chip	zip
leap	cheep
chased	waist
dip	chip
chased	paste
yolk	choke
lip	chip
cheer	deer
chunk	junk
chop	shop
chip	whip
soak	choke
chop	top
chew	shoe
rip	chip
chew	moo
year	cheer
chop	cop
goo	chew
chief	thief
six	chicks
pop	chop
chest	pest
hop	chop
two	chew
nest	chest
beef	chief
chest	west
mop	chop
cherry	cherry
chicks	mix
hairy	cherry
test	chest
chew	boo
cherry	berry
talk	chalk
zoo	chew
chalk	hawk

[tʃ]**Initial**

tear	cheer
chest	vest
walk	chalk
cheer	fear
chief	leaf
hear	cheer
sheep	cheep
choke	joke
cheep	deep
choke	poke

Final

pan	patch
match	mash
patch	pat
match	mat
cat	catch
half	hatch
leech	leash
man	match
pack	patch
wall	watch
ham	hatch
catch	cab
beach	beep
path	patch
match	math
beet	beach
leech	leap
patch	pass
beach	beef
walk	watch
lean	leech
bead	beach
leech	leak
patch	pass
catch	calf
hatch	hat
path	patch
match	mad
bean	beach
watch	wash
leaf	leech
patch	pat
cap	catch
beach	beak
map	match

[dʒ]**Initial**

jug	mug
mug	jug
jail	nail
whale	jail
mail	jail
jail	pail
sail	jail
tail	jail
jaw	paw
chunk	junk
fool	jewel
cool	jewel
jewel	tool
pool	jewel
Jello	yellow
jacket	racket
bump	jump
jump	hump
jam	lamb
Sam	jam
ham	jam
jeans	beans
cheep	jeep
jeep	deep
sheep	jeep
leap	jeep
jeep	beep
jeep	keep
peep	jeep
worm	germ
gym	limb
him	gym
jet	wet
net	jet
vet	jet
jet	pet
choke	joke
joke	yolk
joke	poke
soak	joke

Final

chain	change
bad	badge
cage	Kate
change	chains
leg	ledge
cage	cane
ledge	lead
egg	edge
back	badge
K	cage
badge	bath
cage	cake
Ed	edge
badge	bat
cage	cave

