

Lengthening Final Voiced Consonants

Minimal pairs:

Voiceless final consonants

Voiced final consonants (lengthen the vowel)

/p/ rope

/b/ r - o - be

/t/ mat

/d/ m - a - d

/k/ tack

/g/ t - a - g

/f/ safe

/v/ s - a - ve

/s/ rice

/z/ r - i - se

/tʃ/ batch

/dʒ/ b - a - dge

No common minimal pairs exist for the following, but you still have to remember to lengthen!

Voiceless final consonants

Voiced final consonants (lengthen the vowel)

/θ/ breath /breθ/

/ð/ br - ea - the /brɪð/

/ʃ/ wash

/ʒ/ mass - a - ge

Now practice lengthening the vowel before voiced final consonants:

Example: He took a **r-i-d-e** to the **right**.

1. I ran a **lap** around the **lab**.
2. There was a **wide** road with a **white** line on it.
3. I felt the cloth **rip** above my **rib**.
4. I **led** him in and then **let** him in.
5. The **cop** was eating corn on the **cob**.
6. **Half** the people **have** houses.
7. He wanted to **save** it in the **safe**.
8. She tried to **leave** the **leaf** on the ground.
9. He had a **piece** of pizza and some **peas**.
10. The **rich** man lived on a **ridge**.
11. He put the **bag** on his **back**.
12. The man on the **mat** was **mad**.
13. He **lit** the candle and opened the **lid**.
14. He removed his **badge** and shuffled a **batch** of papers.
15. We watched some **plays** over at their **place**.

Final voiced/unvoiced consonant minimal pairs

	long vowel (voiced consonant)	short vowel (unvoiced consonant)
1	It was held up by a tied rope.	It was held up by a tight rope.
2	He should learn how to serve.	He should learn how to surf.
3	There was a tag on the wall.	There was a tack on the wall.
4	You should put it in the bag.	You should put it in the back.
5	He held a badge in his hand.	He held a batch in his hand.
6	I think she said "age ten".	I think she said "H10".
7	I can't stand lies.	I can't stand lice.
8	There's a cub in the cage.	There's a cup in the cage.
9	I led them in.	I let them in.
10	She didn't make the bed.	She didn't make the bet.
11	We hid them.	We hit them.
12	You really need to pad that.	You really need to pat that.