

/ɛn/ vs. /ɪn/ Minimal Pairs and Sentences

A	B
tin	ten
bin	Ben
kin	Ken
din	den
gin	Jen
pin	pen
wind	wend
sinned	send
chin	Chen
in	"n"
fin	fend
Lynn	Len
mint	meant
pinned	penned
tint	tent
win	when

A	B
There are tin men on the floor.	There are ten men on the floor.
I really like gin.	I really like Jen.
Could you give the pin to me?	Could you give the pen to me?
Please put it in the "in" file.	Please put it in the "n" file.
I was talking to Lynn last week.	I was talking to Len last week.
She pinned it yesterday.	She penned it yesterday.
He really likes that tint.	He really likes that tent.
My roommate's name is Chin.	My roommate's name is Chen.

1. When I win the award, I'll fly to Pennsylvania.
2. I told him ten times not to send it to Ben.
3. Can you lend me a pen, so I can sign my rent check?
4. I went out with Ken and his brother Len.
5. Glen went to Kentucky to see his kin.
6. He had ten tin men in his hand.
7. I lent ten cents to a Finn.
8. Glenda was planning to defend her friend.
9. It's a blend of ten kinds of scents.
10. These ten sentences make no sense.