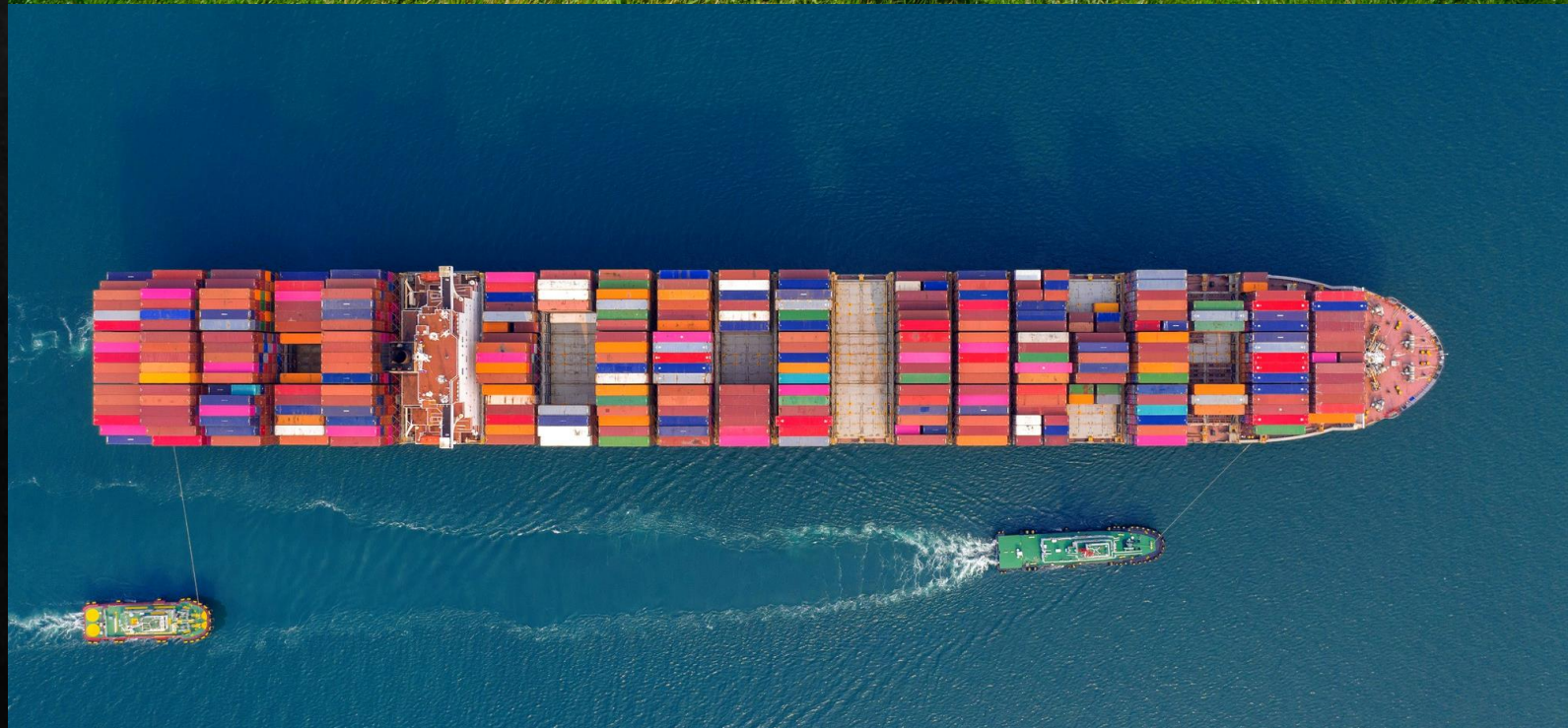


Homophones or Minimal Pairs

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What are 'homophones' and 'minimal pairs'?

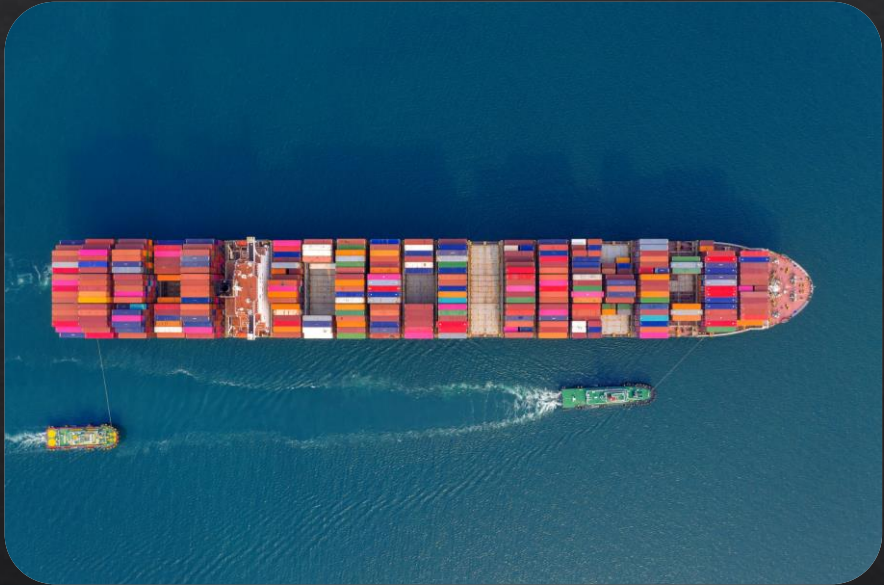
Ever mix up words that sound the same but have different meanings, like 'pair' and 'pear'? They are called homophones.

Then, what about those words that sound almost the same but with one small difference, like 'fun' and 'fan'? They are called minimal pairs.

Today's activity focuses on identifying whether pairs of words are homophones (sound exactly the same) or minimal pairs (sound almost the same, but there is a small difference).

Are you ready? Let's go!

ship



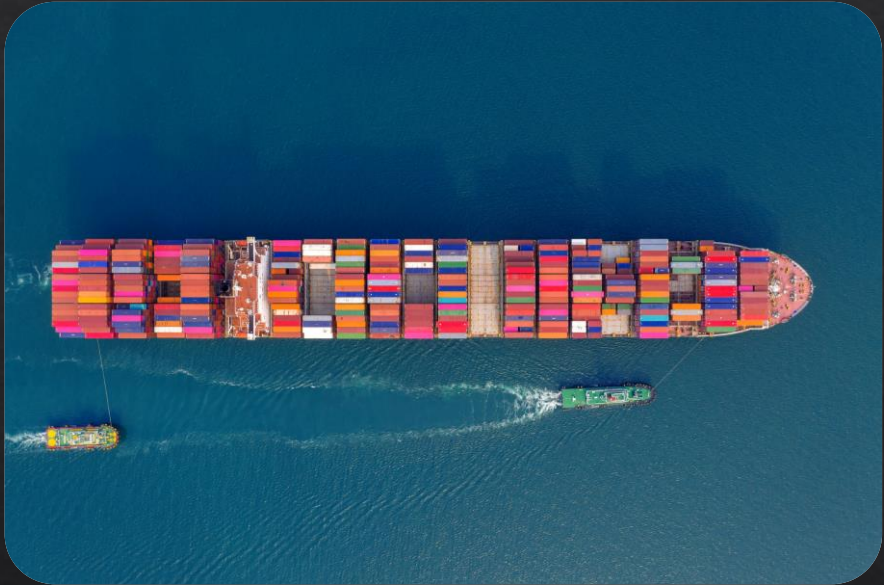
sheep



homophone

minimal pair

ship /ʃɪp/



sheep /ʃi:p/



homophone

minimal pair

pier



pear



homophone

minimal pair

pier /pɪəˈr/



pear /peəˈr/



homophone

minimal pair

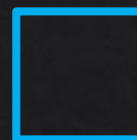
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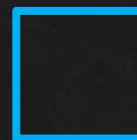
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homophone



minimal pair



past /past/



passed /past/



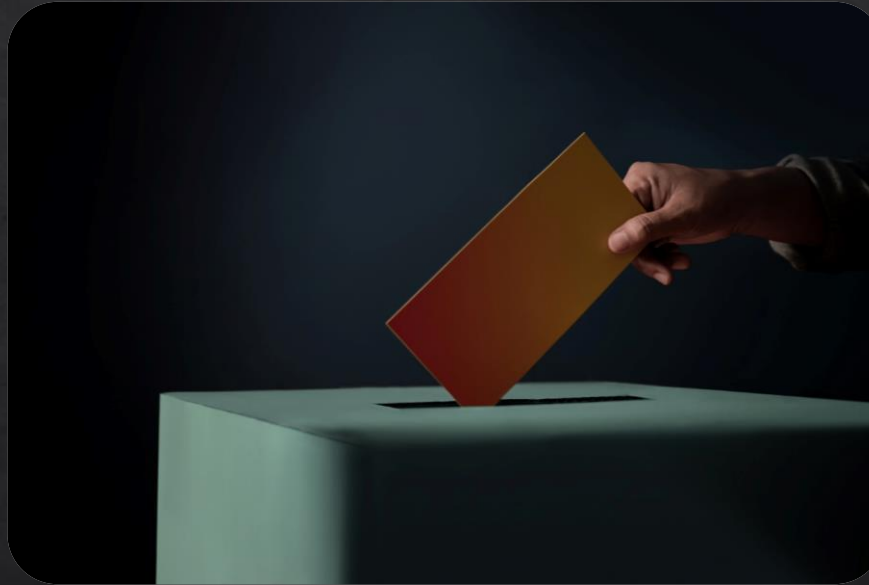
homophone

minimal pair

boat



vote



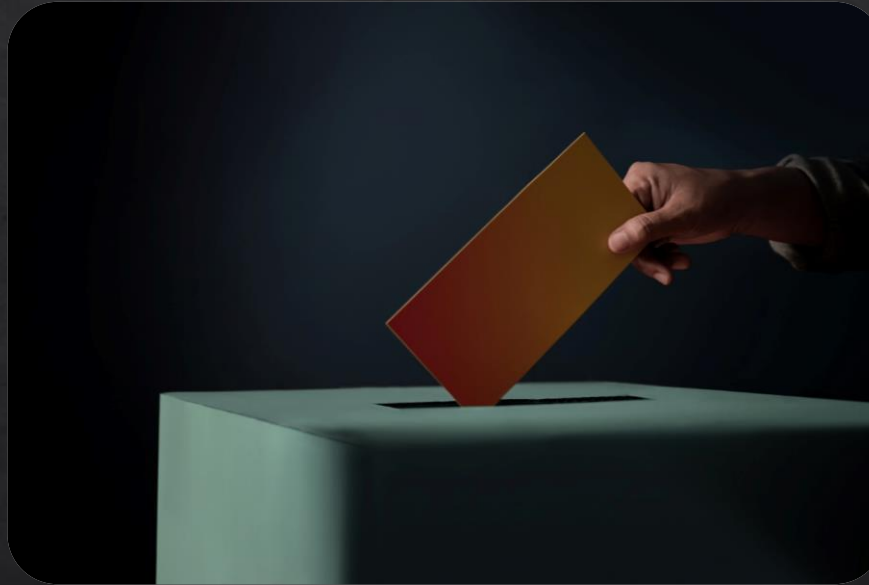
homophone

minimal pair

boat /bəʊt/



vote /vəʊt/



homophone

minimal pair

sun



son



homophone

minimal pair

sun /sʌn/



son /sʌn/



homophone

minimal pair

save



shave



homophone

minimal pair

save /seɪv/



shave /ʃeɪv/



homophone

minimal pair

hut



hat



homophone

minimal pair

hut /hʌt/



hat /hæt/



homophone

minimal pair

back



bag



homophone

minimal pair

back /bak/



bag /bag/



homophone

minimal pair

steak



stick



homophone

minimal pair

steak /steɪk/



stick /stɪk/



homophone

minimal pair

gel



yell



*to 'yell' means to shout angrily

homophone
minimal pair

gel /dʒel/



yell /jel/ ○ ○ ○



phonetically, a /j/
sounds like a 'y'

homophone

minimal pair

suite



sweet



homophone

minimal pair

suite /swi:t/



sweet /swi:t/



homophone

minimal pair

state



estate

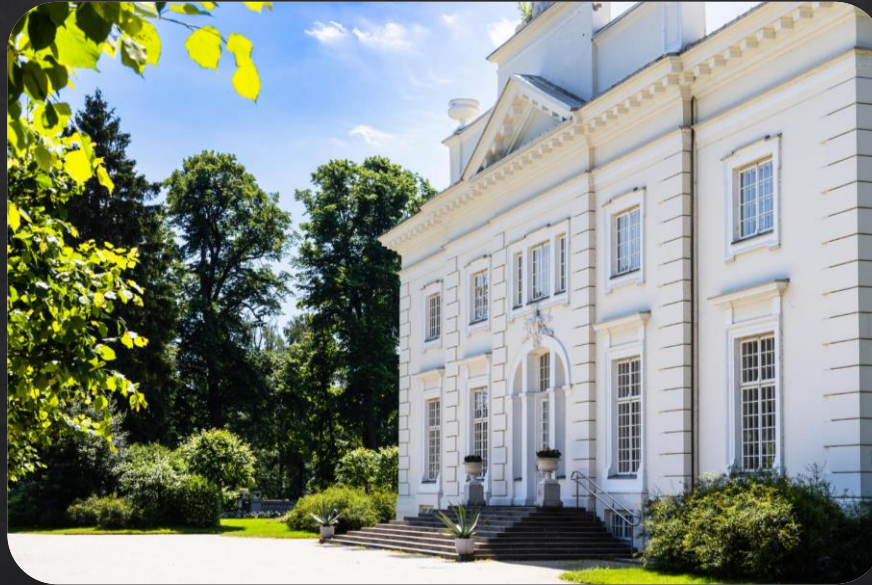


homophone
minimal pair

state /steɪt/



estate /ɪ'steɪt/



homophone

minimal pair

think

sink



homophone

minimal pair

think /θaɪ/



sink /saɪ/



homophone

minimal pair

wing



win



homophone

minimal pair

wing /wiŋ/



win /wi:n/



homophone

minimal pair

prince



prints



homophone

minimal pair

prince /prɪns/



prints /prɪns/



homophone

minimal pair

rice



rise



homophone

minimal pair

rice /raɪs/



rise /raɪz/



homophone

minimal pair

day



they



homophone

minimal pair

day /deɪ/



they /ðeɪ/



homophone

minimal pair

flour



flower



homophone

minimal pair

flour /flaʊə'r/



flower /flaʊə'r/



homophone

minimal pair

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