



MINIMAL PAIR TREE TUTORIAL

1. Link

<https://quickworksheets.net/worksheet-generators/minimal-pairs>

2. Short description of the tool

Do you want to sharpen your learners' listening and pronunciation skills? Try out **Minimal Pair Tree**. It is a worksheet generator that creates a listening tree exercise for four sets of minimal pairs. At each juncture, the teacher speaks one word from the pair, and the learners follow the path, listening at each juncture, to arrive at the correct number at the bottom of the tree. The exercise can be repeated multiple times using the same worksheet.

This tool can be used especially for elementary and intermediate language classes, when learners still have difficulties differentiating individual phonemes. The objective of this activity is to practise and improve the ability to differentiate easily confusable sounds. This activity is applicable to all languages.

3. Which language competences can be developed with the help of this tool?

- Vocabulary control
- Listening comprehension
- Phonological control
- Orthographic control

4. The requirements concerning the tool

Minimal Pair Tree can be used by language teachers free of charge. However, registration is required, but this only takes a few minutes. The completed worksheets can be stored to the account and previous worksheets can be easily adapted, too.

It is important to note that you can save directly in your free user account on the platform with only ten worksheets. However, this should not be a problem as the teacher can store all the self-created materials on his/her computer as a PDF file or delete some older materials from his/her account in order to make new space.

The language of the tool is English. However, one can design **Minimal Pair Tree** in different languages, even if the alphabet in the target language has special characters, e.g. Umlaut for German, acute accent in French or Spanish.

5. Suggested language level (A1-C2)

A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2

6. What competences from DigCompEdu Framework does the tool develop?

3. Teaching and Learning

3.1 Teaching

4. Assessment

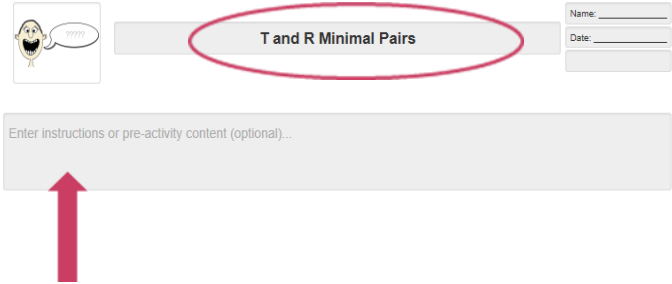

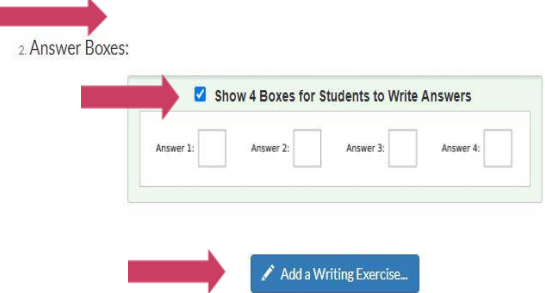
4.1 Assessment strategies

7. How can the tool be used by teachers/learners?

This tool can be used by language teachers to create worksheets to:

- Practise and improve phonological awareness and identify the sounds
- Draw attention to the particularities of the pronunciation of different phonemes
- Practise the pronunciation of similar-sounding words but with different spelling
- Improve and expand vocabulary range

8. Case study – example

<p>1. Write the title and the instructions of the assignment.</p>	
<p>2. Insert one pair of similar-sounding words per line. The free version allows just for 4 lines.</p>	<p>1. Minimal Pairs:</p> 
<p>3. Add the answer boxes. If you click on the Add a Writing Exercise button, you can add a few lines for a writing exercise if you want your learners to write down the words they have heard.</p>	<p>2. Answer Boxes:</p> 

4. The worksheet can be saved by choosing the green button **Make and save worksheet**.

Page Options:

A4 Paper

Left to Right Text (English, French, etc.)

MAKE AND SAVE WORKSHEET

5. Click on the **Open PDF** button to view/print the worksheet.

If you wish, you can click on the **Share by Link** button to send the link directly to your learners.

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Edit in Final Touches

Share by Link



T and R Minimal Pairs

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6. A shareable link allows your learners to download a PDF of this worksheet, to print and complete on paper. Another option is to scan the QR code and open the worksheet.

Give this secret link to your students:

<https://quickworksheets.net/ws/086ed9a89053>

Copy



Students can scan QR code with smartphone or tablet camera to open worksheet.

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10. Things you have to bear in mind when using the tool

- This tool can be used for free, but you need to log in first. Sign up takes just a few seconds.
- The upgrade-option, which is chargeable, allows to create and store more worksheets (in the free version there are 10 worksheets that you can save).
- Using this tool, you can only create printable versions of the worksheets. However, it can be opened as a PDF –file using different digital devices.
- The great benefit of this tool is that it can be used in many different languages, even if they have specific characters or accents.

11. Similar tools

Not known

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