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Fronting Minimal Pairs

Minimal pairs for children who say t for k, like "tea" for "key".

The pairs in this set (t and k: k at the start and end)

tea – key
tub – cub
bat – back
tape – cape
net – neck

Who it is for

Children who say "tea" for "key" or "tape" for "cape".
Many young children swap k for t for a while as they learn to talk.

Before you start

If it happens a lot or you are worried, see a speech-language pathologist.
Check hearing too, especially after ear infections.
Names: "tea" (the cup), "tub" (the bathtub), "cub" (the baby bear), "bat" (the animal), "neck" and "back" (follow the red arrow).
k tip: tongue tip stays down behind the bottom teeth, the back lifts.

How to practice

5 to 10 minutes a day is better than a long session once a week.
Go in order: listen, then say words, then sentences. Many tries count.
Respond to what you HEAR, not what you know the child meant.
This is practice, not a test, and it cannot diagnose a speech problem.