

Minimal Words with a Silent Internal Isolated Vowel (SIIV) in American English

Non-example 1: “ate” – the “e” is silent, but not internal.

Non-example 2: “seat” – the “a” is silent and internal, but not isolated.

Non-example 3: “promised” – the “e” is silent, internal, and isolated, but the word is not minimal – removing the “d” does not change the root meaning.

Non-example 4: “lineman” – the “e” is silent, internal, and isolated, but the word is not minimal, being a compound word.

Note: A siiv might be variable, as in “temperament”, which can be pronounced “temprament” or “temperment”.

Examples:

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| 01. average → “avrage” | 26. misery → “misrey” |
| 02. bakery → “(bake)ry” | 27. musically → “musiclly” |
| 03. Barbara → “Barbra” | 28. mystery → “mystry” |
| 04. basically → “basiclly” | 29. omelet → “omlet” |
| 05. beverage → “bevrage” | 30. opera → “opra” |
| 06. business → “busness” | 31. phosphorus → “phosphrus” |
| 07. cabinet → “cabnet” | 32. preference → “prefrence” |
| 08. camera → “camra” | 33. realistically → “realisticlly” |
| 09. chocolate → “chocolate” | 34. reciprocally → “reciproclly” |
| 10. circumference → “circumfrence” | 35. restaurant → “restrant” |
| 11. comically → “comiclly” | 36. salary → “salry” |
| 12. comparable → “comprable” | 37. separable → “seprable” |
| 13. difference → “diffrence” | 38. separate → “seprate” |
| 14. different → “diffrent” | 39. separative → “seprative” |
| 15. Dorothy → “Dorothy” | 40. several → “several” |
| 16. elementary → “elementry” | 41. slippery → “slippry” |
| 17. every → “evry” | 42. sovereign → “sovereign” |
| 18. infinitesimal → “infintesimal” | 43. specifically → “specificlly” |
| 19. interest → “intrest” | 44. strategically → “strategiclly” |
| 20. laboratory → “labratory” | 45. tactically → “tacticlly” |
| 21. literature → “litrature” | 46. temperament → “temprament”/“temperment” |
| 22. logically → “logiclly” | 47. temperance → “temprance” |
| 23. Margaret → “Margret” | 48. temperate → “temprate” |
| 24. memory → “memry” | 49. temperature → “temprature” |
| 25. miserable → “misrable” | 50. tragically → “tragiclly” |