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Module 2 Homework Part B

A) 1. A and b are minimal pairs, g and h are minimal pairs, j and k are minimal pairs, I and L are

minimal pairs. I conclude that a single sound change can mean a completely different word, not just a

slight alteration. 2. The two sounds always follow a vowel or begin a new word. They therefore have

overlapping distribution. 3. I believe they are in contrastive distribution because both sounds appear

in the same environments but with changing meaning.

B) The two k sounds are allophones of the same phoneme which means they are in free variation given

that the variations all appear before the same sounds in multiple words

C) I believe they are three different phonemes. D,E,F show this, as do G,M. I [r] as the phonemic form

and the others are allophones of it.