## Minimal pairs in Standard Arabic

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| s/s                      | ءَ ﴿                |              | hope, pr. name (f.) question where?      |                 | ʻamal<br>suʻāl<br>ʻayn           | cough                         |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ø/s<br>Ø/°               | ص <i>َ</i> دی<br>ما | șadā<br>mā   | echo<br>what?                            |                 | •                                | rust<br>water                 |
| غ/ر<br>r/gh              | وَرْد<br>ضَرْط      | ward<br>ḍarṭ | rose<br>fart                             |                 |                                  | scoundrel<br>pressure, stress |
| ح/ه<br>h/h               | حال<br>حَمْزة       | ḥāl<br>ḥamza | situation<br>pr. name (m.)               |                 |                                  | cardamom hamza (letter)       |
| خ <sup>/</sup> خ<br>ḥ/kh | حَدّ                | hadd         | situation<br>sharp<br>around<br>solution | خَدِّ<br>خَوْلة | khāl<br>khadd<br>khawla<br>khall | cheek<br>pr. name (f.)        |
| ق/ك<br>k/q               | كَلْب<br>حَكّ       | kalb<br>ḥakk | dog<br>itch                              |                 | qalb<br>ḥaqq                     | heart<br>right, truth         |

| ز/س<br>s/z | سِرّ<br>سَمِیر            | sirr<br>samīr           | secret<br>pr. name (m.)                                   | زِرّ<br>زَمِیر             | zirr<br>zamīr             | button<br>honk             |
|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| ص/س<br>s/s | سُورة<br>سَيْف<br>السِّين | sūra<br>sayf<br>as-sīn  | chapter (Quran)<br>sword<br>sīn (letter)                  |                            | ṣayf                      | picture<br>summer<br>China |
|            | فادِي<br>أَعْداء          | qurūd<br>fādī<br>'a'dā' | path<br>monkeys<br>pr. name (m.)<br>enemies<br>individual | قُرُوض<br>فاضِي<br>أَعْضاء | ʾaʿḍāʾ                    |                            |
| ط/ت<br>t/ṭ | تَيّار<br>تِين            | tayyār<br>tīn           | stream<br>fig   |                            | ṭayyār<br>ṭīn             |                            |
|            | حَکَی<br>عَلِي            | ḥaka                    | study<br>tell [story]<br>pr. name (m.)                    | حَكَّى<br>عَلِّي           | darrasa<br>ḥakkā<br>ʿallī | itch                       |
|            | أنا                       | 'anā                    | I   | ٲؙڹۜ                       | 'anna                     | to (conj.)                 |