







Vowel Length in Yap

Yap has minimal pairs.

 $/_{I}$ /, $/_{I}$:/, $/_{u}$ /, $/_{u}$:/, $/_{e}$ /, $/_{e}$:/ are phonemes in Yap.

[θɪs] (to topple)	[θι:s] (a post)
[pul] (to gather)	[pu:l] (moon)
[?er] (near you)	[?e:r] (lagoon part)

i.e., [V], [V:] /V/, /V:/

Vowel Length in Korean

Korean has minimal pairs

And it has near-minimal pairs

/i/, /i:/, /e/, /e:/, /u/, /u:/ are phonemes in Korean

[il] (day)	[i:ls] (word)
[seda] (to count)	[se:da] (strong)
[kul] (near you)	[ku:l] (tunnel)

i.e., [V], [V:] /V/, /V:/

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