



## Polish: High Beginner

Vowels (n = 3)

| Phonemic Contrast | Example     | % Correct | Functional Load | # of Items |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| /i/ - /I/         | beet / bit  | 75%       | 95%             | 4          |
| /I/ - /ɛ/         | bit / bet   | 100%      | 54%             | 4          |
| /ɛ/ - /e/         | bet / bait  | 100%      | 53%             | 4          |
| /ɛ/ - /æ/         | bet / bat   | 75%       | 51%             | 4          |
| /æ/ - /ɑ/         | cat / cot   | 83%       | 76%             | 4          |
| /ɑ/ - /ɑr/        | cot / cart  | 83%       | 31.5%           | 4          |
| /ɑ/ - /ə/         | cot / cut   | 58%       | 65%             | 4          |
| /ɑ/ - /oʊ/        | cot / coat  | 67%       | ---             | 4          |
| /ə/ - /ɜr/        | cut / curt  | 50%       | 40%             | 2          |
| /ə/ - /ʊ/         | putt / put  | 100%      | 9%              | 2          |
| /ʊ/ - /u/         | pull / pool | 50%       | 7%              | 2          |

Functional Load Source: Catford, 1987, pp. 89-90. The "cot / coat" contrast was included because of its existence in Pronunciation Matters (Henrichsen, Green, Nishitani & Bagley, 1999) even though no functional load information was available.