

The usual letters that make this sound:

Exceptions- words with other letters that make this sound:

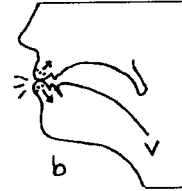
How this sound is made: (Click on drawing to hear.)

CONSONANT SOUNDS:

b

bed
rubber

/cupboard, raspberry



note: same as **p**, but *voiced*

c has no sound of its own! Followed by **a**, **o**, or **u**, it has the sound of **k**: cat, cot, cut. Followed by **e**, **i** or **y**, it has the **s** sound: cent, city, cyst. The blends **cl**, **cr** and **ct** have the **k** sound. **Ch** has a new sound.

d

duck
ladder

would, could, should
-To add **ed** to words that end in *voiced* consonants (*except d*) the sound of **ed** is just **d**: smell'd, etc. (You say *banned* just like *band*!)
With words that end in **d**, double the **d**, and say two syllables: pad-ded, load-ded, etc.

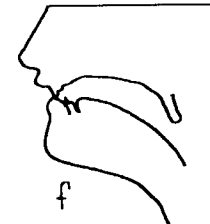


note: same as **t**, but *voiced*

f

fish
offer

half, calf, etc.
nephew, phone, etc.
laugh, cough, enough
rough, tough, /trough



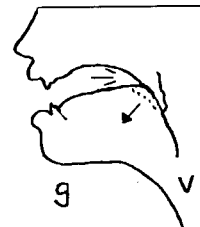
note: same as **v**, but lower teeth touch upper lip

g has its own sound when followed by **a**, **o**, or **u**. When followed by **e**, **i**, or **y**, it has the same sound as **j**: gem, gin, gym.

game
go, wagon
gum, guide

g sound exceptions:
gear, get, geese, finger, anger
girl, give, begin, giggle,
/giddy, gimmick

other exceptions: /ghost



note: same as **k**, but *voiced*
CONSONANTS 1.

h



h
house

who, whole
/San hose
/Chhanukah
/ghyro



j
jeep

(see **g**)
budget, /gem
/ginger, region
Egypt, /spongy
edge, judge, /advantage, etc.
/eggerate
soldier



note: same as **g**, but voiced

k
key
back
account

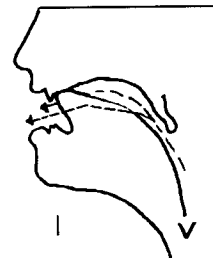
(see **c**)
cat, cot, cut
stomach, ache, mechanic,
/orchid, chasm, chaos, chemical
talk, walk
/khaki
/liquor, plaque, antique, tourniquit
/saccharine
traffic, picnic (Add **k** to endings:trafficker, panicker)



note: same as **g**, but unvoiced

l
lemon
bill

little (lit'l)
pedal (ped'l), final (fin'l)
model (mod'l)



m
money
dummy
rhythm

comb, plumber, /bomb, tomb, womb
/calm, balm
autumn, /column, hymn
/diaphragm



note: air flow

CONSONANTS 2.

n
nest



low, etc.

n
nest
banner

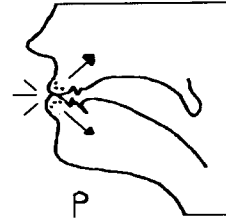
knee, knife, know, etc.
/pneumonia
sign, /gnat, reign
open (op'n), etc.
cotton (cot'n), etc.
/certain (cer-t'n), etc.



note: air goes through the nose

p
pig
supper

/shepherd
/hiccough



note: same as b, but different

q really has no sound of its own! It is always paired with **u** (**qu**) and usually has the sound of **kw**. See **kw** under blends.

r
rug
merry

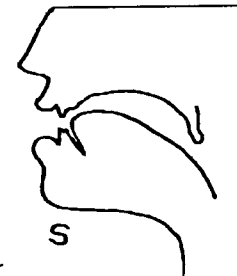
write, wrong, wrist, etc.
/rhythm, rhyme, rhinestone,
rhinoceros
diarrhea
/colonel (kern'l)



note: to y
other part of the mouth!

s
sun
kiss
dose
loose, goose

(see **c**)
cent, city, cyst
/psalm
psychology, etc.
scissors, science,
/fascinate
listen, whistle, /wrestle, etc.



note: sar
lips are unrounded,
air flows out evenly over the
whole top of the tongue

t



CONSONANTS 3.

t

telephone
button

debt, doubt, /subtle, etc.
receit
/Thomas, Thailand
night, right, etc.
/yacht
pizza



note: same as **d**, but *unvoiced*
tongue: tip taps ridge behind teeth

-To add **-ed** to words
ending in *unvoiced* consonants
(*except t*) the sound is just **t**: walk't.
(You say *tacked* just like *tact*!)
With a word ending in **t**, say
two syllables: pat-ted, lif-ted.

v

vest
savvy
over
leaves, wolves

of

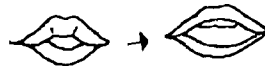
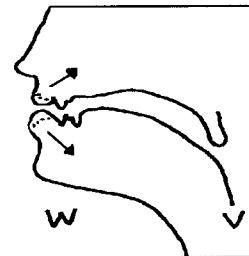


note: same as **f**, but *voiced*

w

web
now
tower

one (wun)
/strenuous
why, /whale, wheat
(some AmE speakers say
all **wh** sounds as **w**)
/persuade, iguana
/suede



lips: rounded, but do not touch,
move to unrounded and open
NOTE: lips don't touch teeth!

x has no sound of its own. Look under consonant blends for **ks** and **kz**.

y (refer back to vowel section)



CONSONANTS 4.

I can have the sound of long **e** or short **i**)

y (refer back to vowel section - **y** as a vowel can have the sound of long **e** or short **i**)

yarn

canyon

_unit (yu-nit), _university, c_ute, etc.

_Europe, /fe_ud

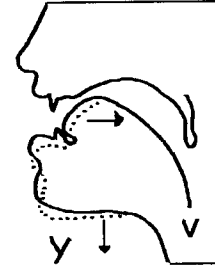
fe_w

bea_uty

opinion, onion

/strenuous/hallelujah

/tortilla



tongue: moves back, away from teeth

jaw: drops

lips: from "smiling," to more rounded

z

zipper

jazz

puzzle

frozen

scissors

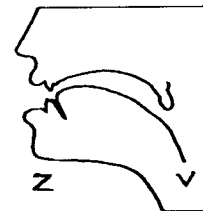
as_, clothes_, days_, lose_, was_, please_,

choose_, chose_ /advise_, fuse_ (and following all *voiced* sounds)

exCUSE (verb)

business (biz-ness)

/anxiety



note: same as **s**, but *voiced*

