



pronunciation STUDIOⁿ

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IPA Chart

1) i bean	6) u moon	11) ʊ sh <u>oo</u> k	14) ɪə de <u>a</u> r	20) ʊə cu <u>ri</u> ous
2) ɪ t <u>i</u> p	7) ə th <u>e</u>	8) ɜː s <u>i</u> r	12) ɔː sh <u>o</u> re	19) ɔɪ ch <u>oi</u> ce
3) ɛ m <u>e</u> t	4) ɛː h <u>a</u> ir	9) ʌ f <u>u</u> n	13) ɒ l <u>o</u> ck	
5) a p <u>a</u> n	10) ɑː c <u>a</u> rd		16) aʊ l <u>ou</u> d	18) laɪ h <u>i</u> de

21) f f <u>i</u> rst	23) θ th <u>i</u> ck	25) s s <u>a</u> w	27) ʃ sh <u>e</u>	29) h h <u>a</u> rd	30) p p <u>i</u> ck	32) t t <u>e</u> am	34) k c <u>o</u> de	45) ʔ w <u>i</u> tness	36) tʃ ch <u>oo</u> se
22) v v <u>a</u> n	24) ð th <u>e</u> se	26) z z <u>e</u> n	28) ʒ cas <u>u</u> al		31) b b <u>e</u> d	33) d d <u>i</u> ne	35) g g <u>e</u> t		37) dʒ j <u>e</u> t

38) w w <u>a</u> ch	39) r r <u>u</u> g	40) j j <u>e</u> t	41) l l <u>o</u> ok	46) t̬ t <u>a</u> ll	42) m m <u>o</u> de	43) n n <u>e</u> ck	44) ŋ s <u>o</u> ng
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Vowel Sounds



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Vowel sounds are made by **shaping air** as it leaves the body.

Each vowel sound is a **different position** of the mouth (tongue, jaw and lips):

1) /i:/ bean	6) /u:/ moon	11) /ʊ/ shook
2) /ɪ/ tip	7) /ə/ the	8) /ə:/ sir
12) /ɔ:/ shore		
3) /ɛ/ met	4) /ɛ:/ hair	9) /ʌ/ fun
13) /ɒ/ lock		
5) /a/ pan	10) /ɑ:/ card	

14) /ɪə/ de <u>a</u> r		19) /ʊə/ cu <u>r</u> ious
15) /eɪ/ sa <u>m</u> e	17) /əʊ/ go <u>o</u>	20) /ɔɪ/ cho <u>i</u> ce
16) /aʊ/ lo <u>u</u> d	18) /ʌɪ/ hi <u>d</u> e	

Monophthong vowel sounds (1-13)
are made with one position of the mouth.

Diphthong vowel sounds (14-20)
move from one mouth position to another.

Each different sound is a **phoneme**.

Most English vowel phonemes have **several different spellings** in written English.

Consonant Sounds



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Consonant sounds are made by **blocking air** as it leaves the body:

Fricatives (21-30) squeeze air through a small gap:

21) /f/ f <u>irst</u>	23) /θ/ th <u>ick</u>	25) /s/ s <u>aw</u>	27) /ʃ/ sh <u>e</u>	29) /h/ h <u>ard</u>
22) /v/ v <u>an</u>	24) /ð/ th <u>ese</u>	26) /z/ z <u>en</u>	28) /ʒ/ cas <u>ual</u>	

Plosives (32-38) fully stop then release air:

30) /p/ p <u>ick</u>	32) /t/ t <u>eam</u>	34) /k/ c <u>ode</u>	45) [ʔ] wit <u>ness</u>
31) /b/ b <u>ed</u>	33) /d/ d <u>ine</u>	35) /g/ g <u>et</u>	

Affricates / plosive directly followed by fricative

36) /tʃ/ <u>ch</u> oose	37) /dʒ/ _jet
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Approximants / vowel-like sound without full block

38) /w/ <u>w</u> atch	39) /r/ _rug	40) /j/ <u>y</u> et
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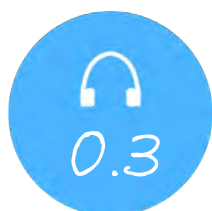
Lateral Approximants / sides of tongue release air

41) /l/ <u>l</u> ook	46) [ɭ] _tall
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Nasals / nose releases air

42) /m/ <u>m</u> ode	43) /n/ <u>n</u> eck	44) /ŋ/ son <u>g</u>
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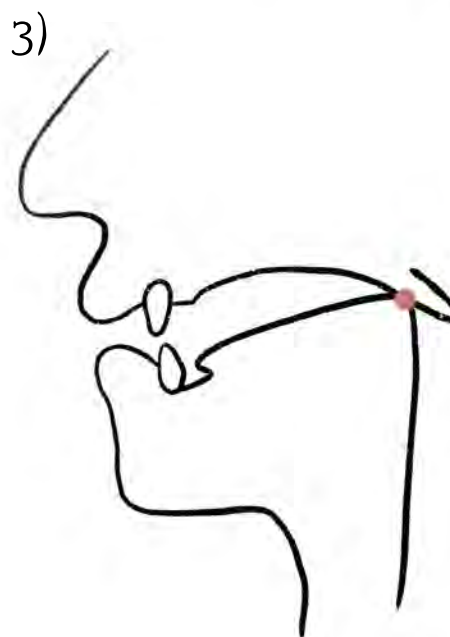
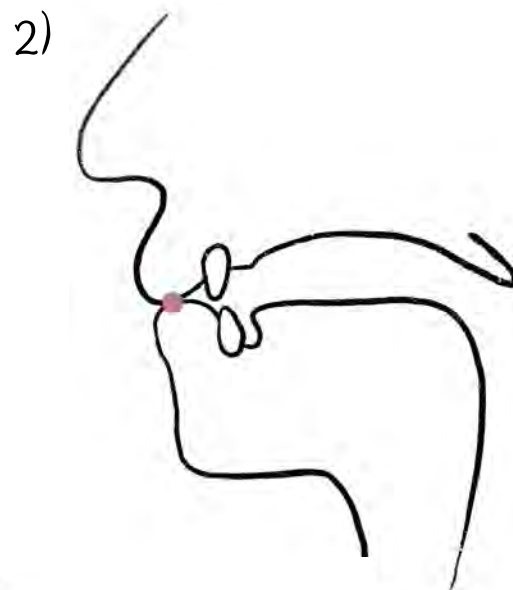
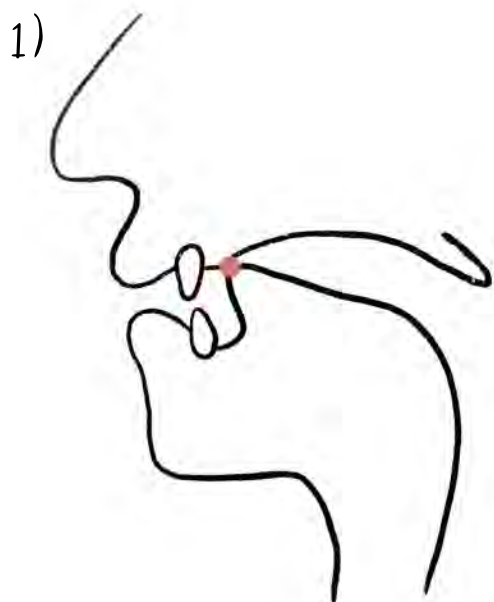
Consonant Articulation



- What is the difference in the pronunciation of:

/p/ /t/ /k/

- Which mouth picture below matches each sound?



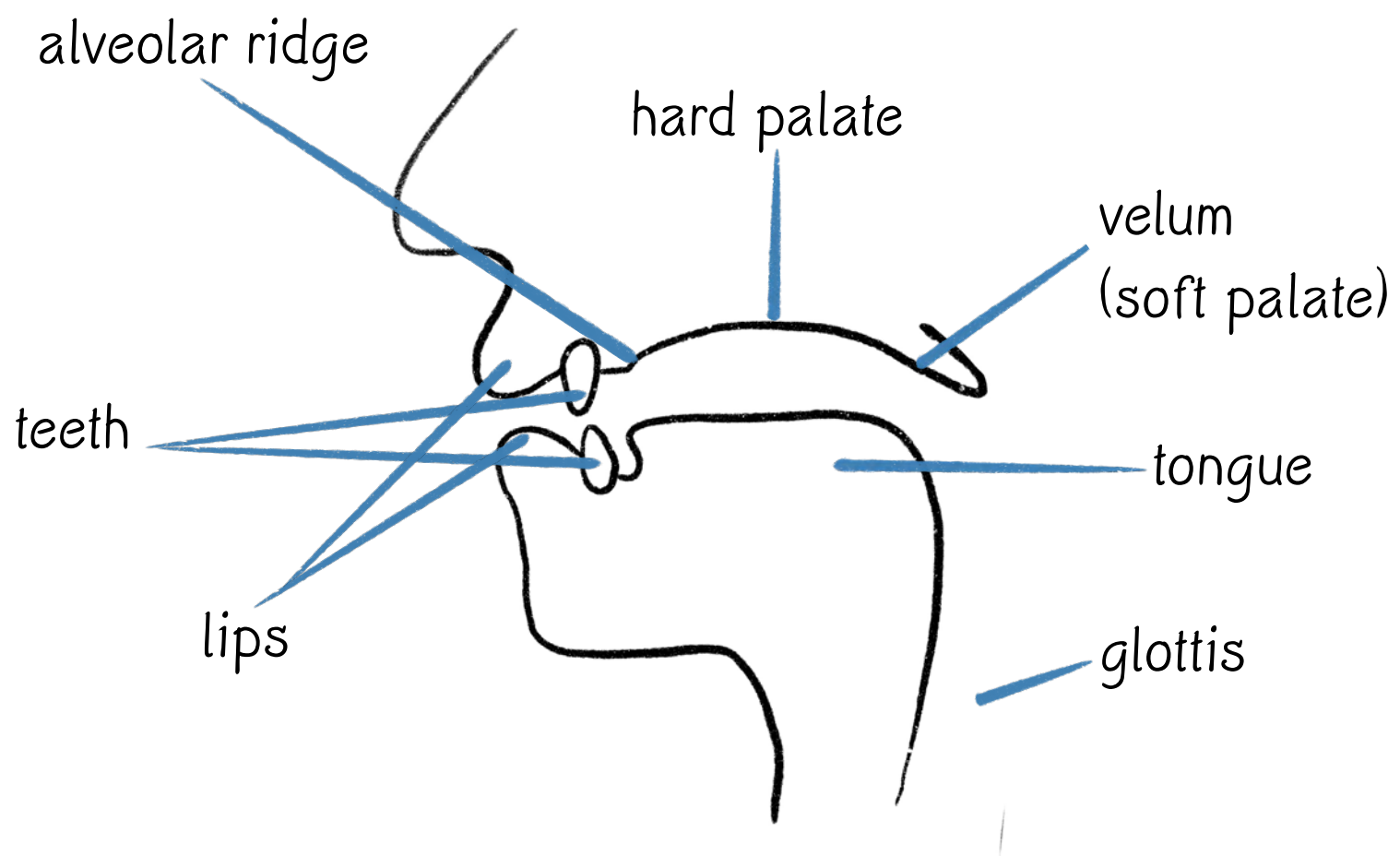
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for the answer





We use a range of places in the mouth and throat to block air to make consonant sounds.

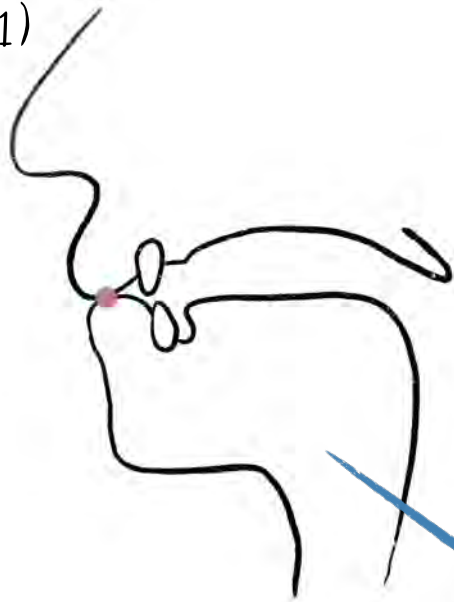
These are the **places of articulation**:





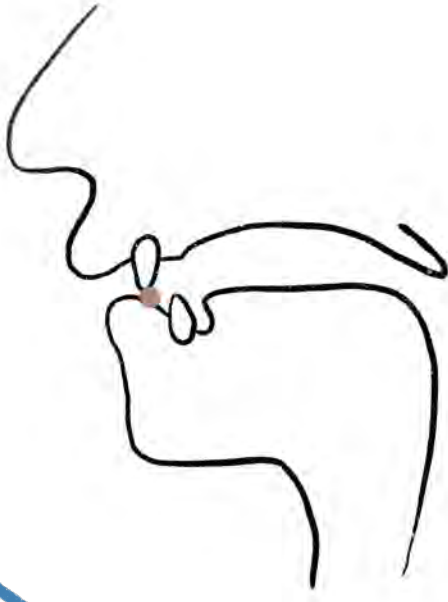
- Listen and match the places of articulation to their sounds:

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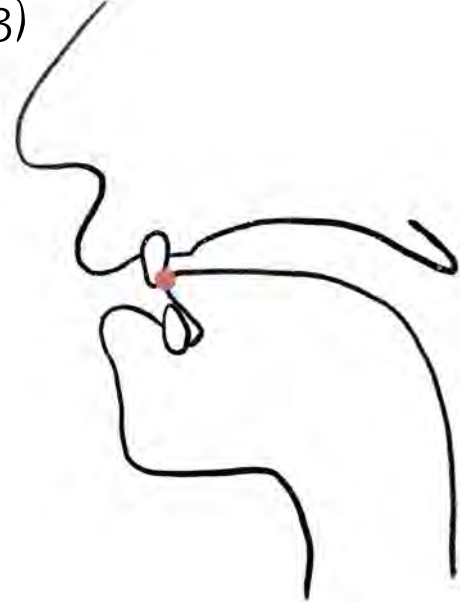
velar
/k,g,ŋ/

2)



bilabial
/p,b,m/

3)



labio-dental
/f,v/

dental
/θ,ð/

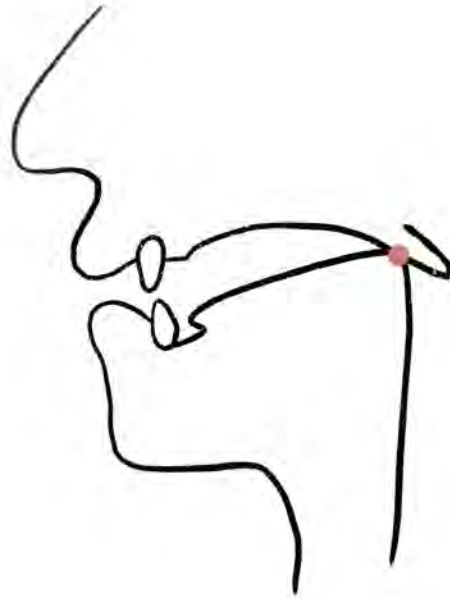
alveolar
/t,d,l,n/

glottal
/h/

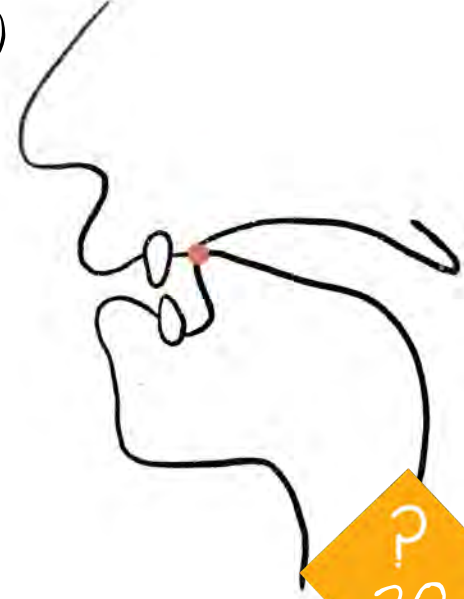
4)



5)



6)



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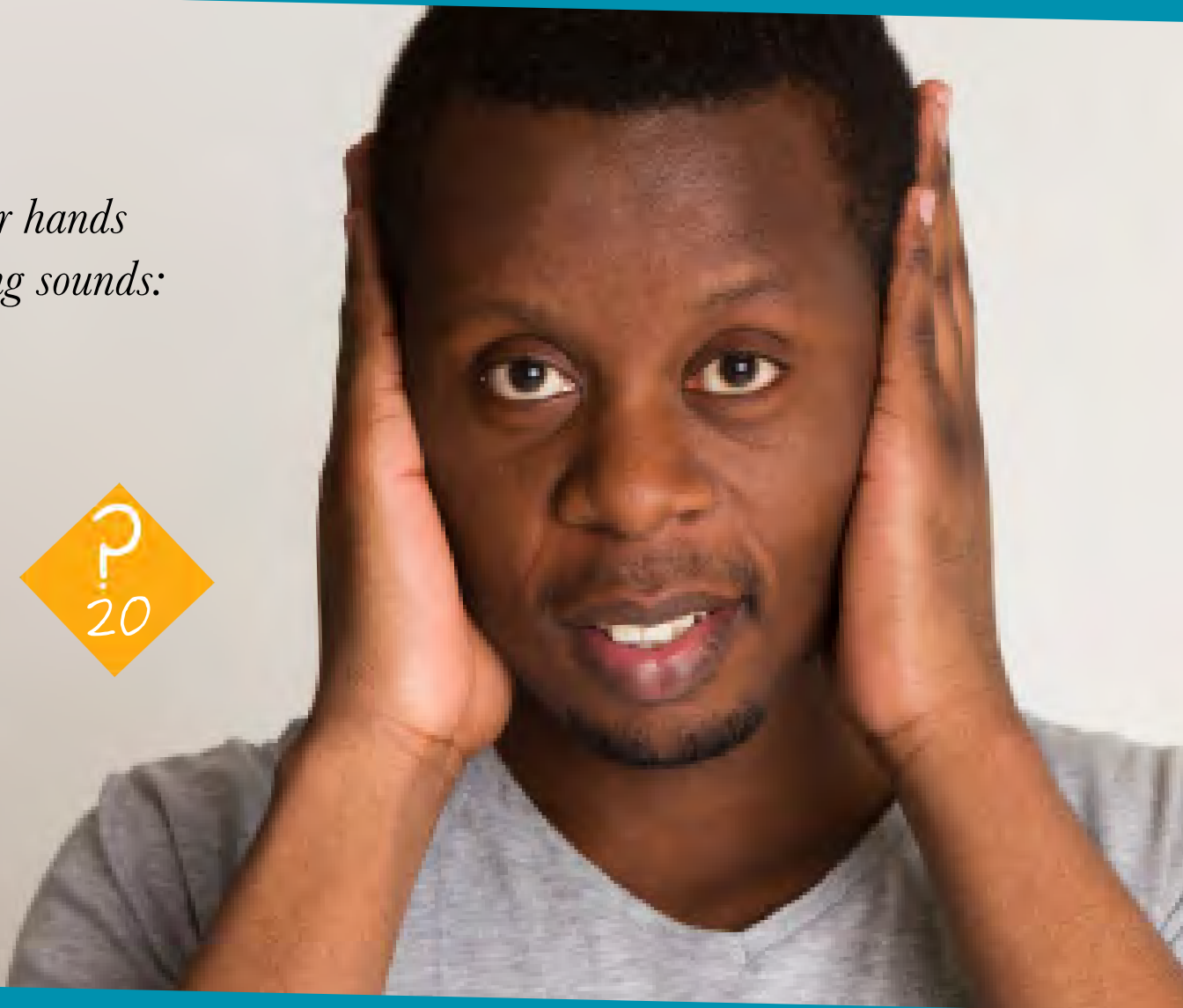
Voicing



- Cover your ears with your hands and pronounce the following sounds:

1. /s/
2. /z/

- What is the difference?



Some consonant sounds do not use the voice when they are pronounced - they are **voiceless**.

Voiceless consonant sounds are:

/f,θ,s,ʃ,h,p,t,k,tʃ/ & [p].

All other consonant sounds and all vowel sounds are voiced - the vocal cords vibrate during pronunciation.

- Which of the following two words contains the voiced sound /z/?



cheese



mouse



Many sounds are in pairs - there is a voiceless and a voiced sound **made in the same place**:

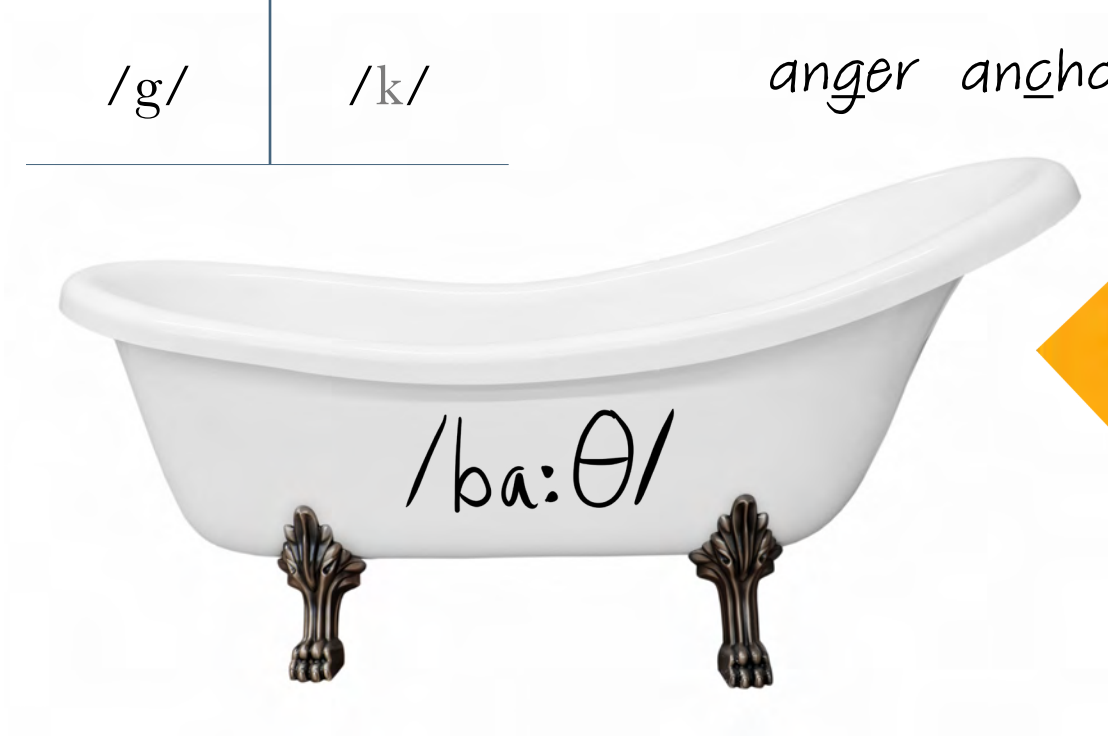
/f,v/ /θ,ð/ /s,z/ /ʃ,ʒ/ /p,b/ /t,d/ /k,g/ /tʃ,dʒ/

It is not always possible to tell whether a sound is voiced or voiceless from its spelling.

- Listen and match the sounds to the underlined letters:



	voiced	voiceless	
1	/d/	/t/	play <u>e</u> d plac <u>e</u> d
2	/v/	/f/	off <u>o</u> f
3	/ð/	/θ/	auth <u>o</u> r fat <u>h</u> er
4	/ʒ/	/ʃ/	miss <u>i</u> on vis <u>i</u> on
5	/b/	/p/	<u>b</u> ath <u>p</u> ath
6	/dʒ/	/tʃ/	rich <u>i</u> dge
7	/z/	/s/	bus <u>i</u> ness bisc <u>i</u> uit
8	/g/	/k/	ang <u>e</u> r anch <u>o</u> r



Vowel Spelling

- Match the transcriptions with the pictures:



/kat/ /wɒsp/ /bɔ:l/ /'kɒtɪdʒ/ /kɑ:/



- Which vowel spelling is found in each word: **a**, **e**, **i**, **o** or **u**?



English has **5 vowel letters** <a,e,i,o,u>
to spell its **20 vowel sounds**.

Most vowel sounds can be **predicted from spelling**,
though there are many exceptions.

- Listen and decide which word has a different vowel sound in each line:



1. wool shook cool pull

2. put hut love flood

3. work north shirt burn



/wʊl/

/pɛː/



4. boat both broker bother

5. pair where earn pear

6. brown grow slow no

7. ear bare swear air

8. include wanted college taken

9. polite protect promise parade

10. calm aren't war heart

11. not watch cough tough



/wptʃ/





- Read the dictionary entry below:

doorknob

/ˈdɔːnbɒb/

noun

a handle that is turned to open a door



Most dictionaries include IPA (**International Phonetic Alphabet**) transcriptions between slashes / /.

IPA symbols can vary slightly in different dictionaries - these variations are included on the sound pages of the course.

- Match the words with their IPA transcriptions.

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1)	foreign	/ˈkʌbəd/
2)	climb	/ˈfɒrɪn/
3)	wrist	/hɑːf/
4)	knot	/ˈɔːtəm/
5)	half	/rɪst/
6)	autumn	/klʌɪm/
7)	listen	/θɔːt/
8)	thought	/nɒt/
9)	march	/ˈlɪs(ə)n/
10)	cupboard	/mɑːtʃ/

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- Which silent consonant(s) does each word contain?



'Standard' English

In this course we use a 'standard' British English pronunciation called **General British** or **GB English**. This is the model found in British dictionaries, though it is mainly spoken in the South of England.

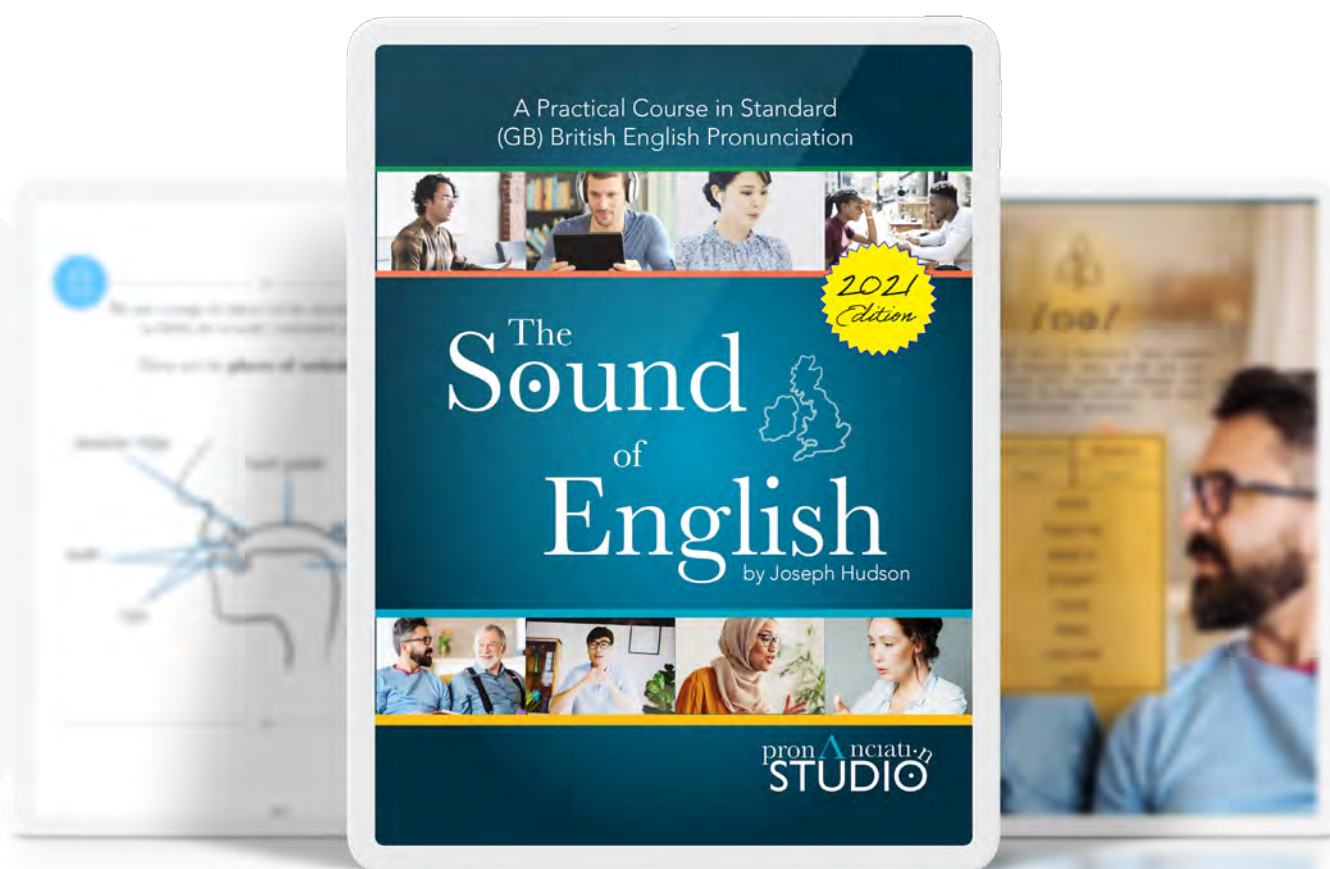


If you travel 50 miles in any direction in the British Isles you will hear clear differences in the local accents. The '**Sounds in Accents**' section at the end of each chapter provides a taster of some of the most commonly heard variations in Britain and beyond.

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/kəŋgratʃʊ'leɪʃ(ə)nz/

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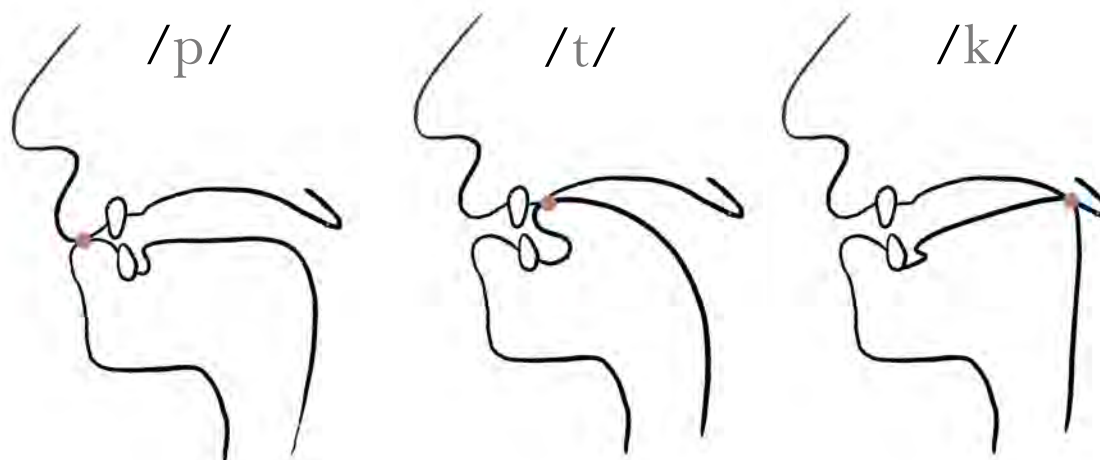
Answer Key

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click / tap
to return

The difference between /p/, /t/ and /k/ is the place the air is blocked when they are pronounced:



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1) bilabial 2) labio-dental 3) dental
4) glottal 5) velar 6) alveolar

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/s/ is made only using air - it is a **voiceless** sound.
/z/ is made with voice (vibration of the vocal cords in the throat) - it is a **voiced** sound.

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CHEESE /tʃiːz/ contains the voiced /z/ sound.
MOUSE /maʊs/ contains the voiceless /s/ sound.

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- 1 a) played - voiced /d/
b) placed - voiceless /t/
- 2 a) off - voiceless /f/
b) of - voiced /v/
- 3 a) author - voiceless /θ/
b) father - voiced /ð/
- 4 a) mission - voiceless /ʃ/
b) vision - voiced /ʒ/
- 5 a) bath - voiced /b/
b) path - voiceless /p/
- 6 a) riche - voiceless /tʃ/
b) ridge - voiced /dʒ/
- 7 a) business - voiced /z/
b) biscuit - voiceless /s/
- 8 a) anger - voiced /g/
b) anchor - voiceless /k/

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/kat/ /wɒsp/ /bɔ:l/ /'kɒtɪdʒ/ /kɑ:/



0.13



1. cool /u:/ (the others are pronounced with /ʊ/)
2. put /ʊ/ (the others are pronounced with /ʌ/)
3. north /ɔ:/ (the others are pronounced with /ə:/)
4. bother /ɒ/ (the others are pronounced with /əʊ/)
5. earn /ə:/ (the others are pronounced with /ɛ:/)
6. brown /aʊ/ (the others are pronounced with /əʊ/)
7. ear /ɪə/ (the others are pronounced with /ɛ:/)
8. taken /ə/ (the others are pronounced with /ɪ/)
9. promise /ɒ/ (the others are pronounced with /ə/)
10. war /ɔ:/ (the others are pronounced with /ɑ:/)
11. tough /ʌ/ (the others are pronounced with /ɒ/)

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Silent letters:

1	foreign	/ˈkʌbəd/	g
2	climb	/ˈfɒrɪn/	b
3	wrist	/hɑːf/	w
4	knot	/ˈɔːtəm/	k
5	half	/rɪst/	l
6	autumn	/klʌɪm/	n
7	listen	/θɔːt/	t
8	thought	/nɒt/	gh
9	march	/ˈlɪs(ə)n/	r*
10	cupboard	/mɑːtʃ/	p & r*

** some English speakers pronounce these < r >, see chapter 7.*



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