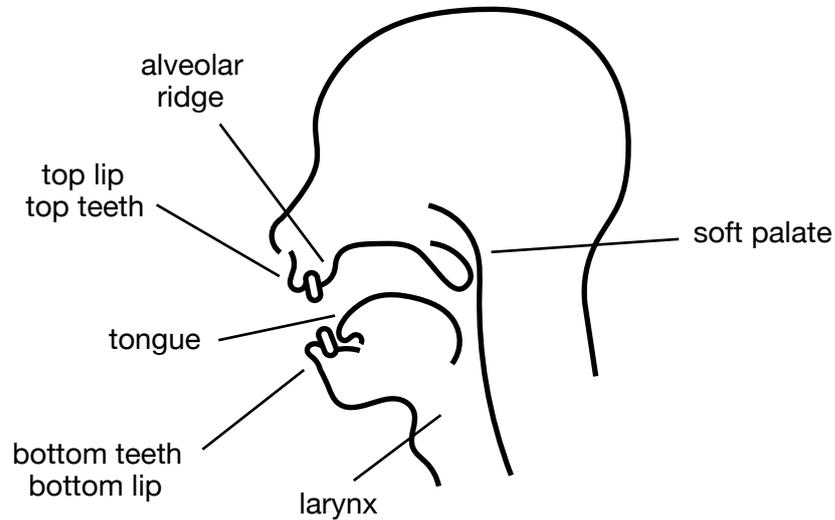


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T Sounds	<p>The tongue is at the front of the mouth and <i>lightly</i> touches behind the top teeth.</p> <p>When dropped, the tongue doesn't touch the mouth at all.</p>	<p>The tongue is back and touches the alveolar ridge.</p>
	<p>bat, bet, bit, bot, but, get, dot, lot, it</p>	
A Sounds	<p>"A" as in "say".</p>	<p>The "A" is soft, like "eh" as in "exit".</p>
	<p>table, make, sale, crazy, Monday, bake</p>	
W Sounds	<p>"W" sounds are clear as in "when". Lips and teeth do't touch and may form "u".</p>	<p>"W" sounds like "V". The top teeth gently touch the bottom lip.</p>
	<p>well, white, woke, wonder, water</p>	
R Sounds	<p>"R" sounds are generally very soft or dropped in British English.</p> <p>They are stronger and clearer in American English.</p>	<p>"R" sounds are often rolled: rrrrrrr</p>
	<p>right, water, Peter</p>	

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Soft O Sounds	The "O" in words like "doctor" has a sound like "au" as in "autumn".	The "O" in many Indian accents is similar to American English where it is "ah".
	doctor, octopus, October, Potter	
Long O sounds	In words like "phone" the "O" sounds like "au" as in "out".	The "O" in Indian and American accents are the long "O" sound as in "go".
	phone, bone, tone, scone	
		
TH sounds	"Th" is soft with the tongue touching the front teeth.	"Th" is often a "D" sound at the start of words and "T" at the end. The tongue touches the alveolar ridge.
	that, then, this	with, teeth, truth

Stress

Syllables are single sounds like drum beats. The word "movie" has two syllables: mo-vie.
In many words, especially in long words, one part gets a little more stress than others. Sometimes this changes with a person's accent.

		
	de ve lopment	de ve lopment / deve lo pment
	alte r native	alte r native

Commonly misunderstood words

		
	first	fast
	shoe	sue (south India)
	herbal	horrible
	data (day-da)	detta / dahta
	police	palace
	module	mod-u-all