

**Basic 3. English sounds: symbols (IPA) to represent English consonants**

Fundamental distinctions in the consonants of English:

IPA	Examples	Where to make
1 [ s ]	sit, basket, kiss, base, cease, basic, boss, fakes, spokesman	alveolar
2 [ z ]	zoo, busy, buzz, phase, amaze, zero, rose, salesman	alveolar
3 [ ʃ ]	shoe, nation, wish, fish, cash, finish	post-alveolar
4 [ ʒ ]	rouge, vision, measure, pleasure, leisure, asia	post-alveolar
5 [ tʃ ]	chair, witch, which, catch, match, children, China	post-alveolar
6 [ dʒ ]	jaw, magic, age, badge, message, judge, Jane	post-alveolar
7 [ p ]	pie, spy, peak, speak, apple, sharpen, stop, cap	lips
8 [ b ]	boy, rabbit, tub, cab	lips
9 [ t ]	team, steam, toy, story, tomato, cartoon, return, heat	alveolar
10 [ d ]	day, redeem, dose, made, mad, sad	alveolar
11 [ k ]	key, ski, care, scare, cake, chicken, thicken, sky, kick	velar
12 [ g ]	go, begin, egg, beg, gate, log, plague, bug	velar
13 [ f ]	fun, fine, office, leaf, if, half	labio-dental
14 [ v ]	van, vine, very, leave, have, of	labio-dental
15 [ θ ]	think, thing, bathtub, mouth, month, health, wealth	inter-dental
16 [ ð ]	the, father, smooth, bathe, clothe, there, worthy	inter-dental
17 [ h ]	hat, behind, house, (cf. herb, hour, honest, honored)	(in the mouth)
18 [ m ]	mom, swim, seem, team, dream, hammer, comet	lips
19 [ n ]	no, run, seen, mean, fun, done, thin, begin	alveolar
20 [ ŋ ]	sing, playing, finger, singer, hanger (cf. changer, ranger)	velar
21 [ r ]	right, rate, rice, already, word, park, car, bar, here, girl, word	alveolar
22 [ l ]	light, late, lice, alright, feel, cool, tall, mall, milk, film, world	alveolar
23 [ j ]	you, yes, youth, young, yacht, huge, cute, music	palatal
24 [ w ]	we, away, one, won, win, weight, swag	lips
25 [ r ]	better, cutter, butter, water, writer, rider, leader, meter	alveolar
26 [ ʔ ]	kitten, bitten, beaten, mountain, captain, Manhattan, Jordan	glottis