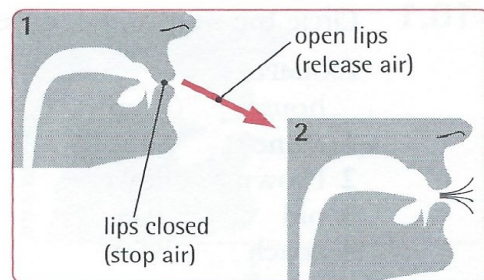


# Pack your bags /p/ and /b/

## A

## How to make the sound /p/

- A69a • Look at the diagrams. Listen and say the sound.
- 1 Stop the air behind your lips.
  - 2 Open your lips to release the air. If you hold a piece of paper in front of your mouth when you open your lips, the paper moves. Target sound: /pə/



## B

## Sound and spelling

- A69b • /p/ is spelled **p** or **pp**. Listen and say these words:
- p**      **pen**    **push**    **stop**  
**pp**    **happy**    **stopping**

A69c Note: **p** is silent at the beginning of a few words. Listen and repeat. **psychology**

Note: The word **cupboard** is pronounced /'kʌbəd/ – don't pronounce the **p**.

Note: **ph** is usually pronounced /f/: **phone**, **photo**, **autograph**.

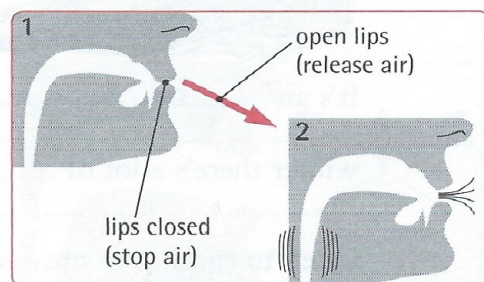
Note: /pi:/ is the name of the letter **P** in the alphabet. People often say /pi:/ for *pence*: 'It costs 75p.'

- A69d • Listen and say these phrases.
- 1 a piece of paper    2 Push or pull?    3 a deep sleep    4 a cheap trip round Europe

## C

## How to make the sound /b/

- A70a • Look at the diagrams. Listen and say the sound.
- 1 Stop the air behind your lips.
  - 2 Open your lips to release the air.
- /b/ is different from /p/ in two ways:
- 1 If you hold a piece of paper in front of your mouth when you open your lips, the paper does not move.
  - 2 There is voicing (vibration from the throat).
- Target sound: /bə/



- A70b • Listen and say the two sounds. /pə/ /bə/

## D

## Sound and spelling

- A70c • /b/ is spelled **b** or **bb**. Listen and say these words.
- b**      **best**    **rob**    **robber**    **verb**

A70d Note: **b** is silent at the end of a few words. Listen and repeat. **climb**    **comb**    **thumb**    **bomb**

Note: /bi:/ is the name of the letter **B** in the alphabet.

- A70e • Listen and say these phrases and sentences.

- 1 big business
- 2 When was the baby born?
- 3 It's better to bake your own bread than to buy it.
- 4 What's that big building between the bank and the library?

- A70f • Now listen and say these sentences with /p/ and /b/.

- 1 Pamela's got a new job.
- 2 Paul's got big problems with his neighbours.
- 3 Can you remember Pete's phone number?
- 4 Pack your bags and bring your passport.

A70g Sometimes you don't hear /p/ or /b/ clearly at the end of a word. Listen.

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Stop!            | Sto(p)!            | 3 Hey, Bob!         | Hey, Bo(b)!         |
| 2 Don't drop that! | Don't dro(p) that! | 4 the worldwide web | the worldwide we(b) |

Important  
for listening



## Exercises

**11.1** Write the words. Choose from the words in the box.

back beard ~~bill~~ black bomb book boot boots bought bread  
build but butter buy pack paper part party pay pepper pie  
piece pool pull purse put

- |          |                         |             |       |            |       |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|------------|-------|
| 1 /bɪl/  | ..... <i>bill</i> ..... | 8 /pæk/     | ..... | 15 /bæk/   | ..... |
| 2 /pi:s/ | .....                   | 9 /bɒm/     | ..... | 16 /bʊrts/ | ..... |
| 3 /baɪ/  | .....                   | 10 /'pepə/  | ..... | 17 /pu:l/  | ..... |
| 4 /pɜ:s/ | .....                   | 11 /'bʌtə/  | ..... | 18 /brəd/  | ..... |
| 5 /blæk/ | .....                   | 12 /pɑ:t/   | ..... | 19 /put/   | ..... |
| 6 /peɪ/  | .....                   | 13 /bʊk/    | ..... | 20 /bɔ:t/  | ..... |
| 7 /bʌt/  | .....                   | 14 /'pɑ:ti/ | ..... |            |       |

A71

Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

**11.2** Complete the words with p or b.

- 1 Can you help me \_aint the \_edroom wardro\_e?
- 2 Brian's \_lond, and he's got a \_ig \_eard.
- 3 We're going to the \_ub. It's my \_rother's \_irthday.
- 4 Where did I \_ut my \_lack \_oots?
- 5 We asked the waiter to \_ring the \_ill, and it was dou\_le what we expected!

A72

Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

**11.3** Listen and fill the gaps.

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EXAMPLE

Are you going to the .....shop..... ?

- 1 We'll have to change that .....
- 2 Looking for a ..... ?
- 3 It isn't on the .....
- 4 Shall we give him a ..... ?
- 5 Do we have to walk ..... that hill?
- 6 ..... the bus – I want to get off!
- 7 I ..... you have a good time!
- 8 ..... yourself!

Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

**11.4** Listen and circle the word you hear. Check with the Key. If you find any of these difficult, go to Section E3 *Sound pairs* for further practice.

A74

- 1 *pears* / *bears* (⇒ sound pair 23)
- 2 *pear* / *fair* (⇒ sound pair 24)
- 3 *copies* / *coffees* (⇒ sound pair 24)



Can you help me paint the bedroom wardrobe?