

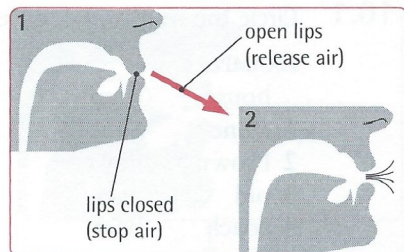
Pack your bags

/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

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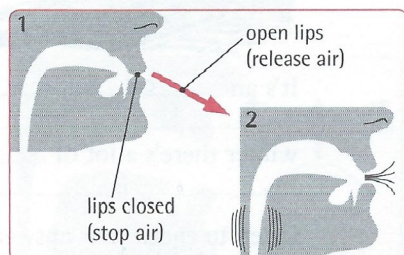
How to make the sound /b/

- 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.

big **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.

- Listen and say these phrases and sentences.

- A70e
- 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

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|----------|------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1 /bɪl/ | bill | 8 /pæk/ | | 15 /bæk/ | |
| 2 /pɪrs/ | | 9 /bɒm/ | | 16 /bʊts/ | |
| 3 /baɪ/ | | 10 /'pepə/ | | 17 /paɪl/ | |
| 4 /pɜːs/ | | 11 /'bʌtə/ | | 18 /brɛd/ | |
| 5 /blæk/ | | 12 /pɑːt/ | | 19 /pʊt/ | |
| 6 /peɪ/ | | 13 /bʊk/ | | 20 /bɔɪt/ | |
| 7 /bʌt/ | | 14 /'pɑːti/ | | | |

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

11.2 Complete the words with p or b.

- Can you help me _aint the _edroom wardro_e?
- Brian's _lond, and he's got a _ig _eard.
- We're going to the _ub. It's my _rother's _irthday.
- Where did I _ut my _lack _oots?
- We asked the waiter to _ring the _ill, and it was dou_le what we expected!

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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 theshop..... ?

- We'll have to change that
- Looking for a ?
- It isn't on the
- Shall we give him a ?
- Do we have to walk that hill?
- the bus – I want to get off!
- I you have a good time!
- 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.

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- pears / bears (⇒ sound pair 23)
- pear / fair (⇒ sound pair 24)
- copies / coffees (⇒ sound pair 24)



Can you help me paint the bedroom wardrobe?