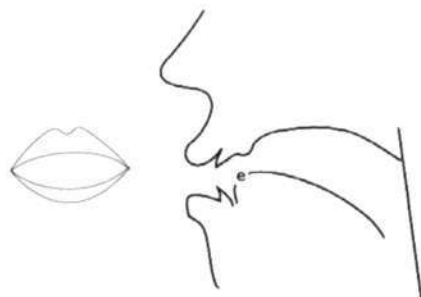


Lesson 12: The [e] sound as in "pen"

Speech organs position:

The jaw is approximately half open, tip of the tongue is behind the bottom teeth, the front of the tongue coming to about approximately three fourths (3/4) of the way up. The sound is pronounced in the front of the mouth.



[e e e]

A40

Words

Listen and repeat. Look at the mouth diagram to help you position your lips, tongue and jaw for the target sound.

Spelling variations for the [e] sound	Highlighted bold letters pronounced as [e]
e	sensible, wren, beg , bent , gentle, generosity
eo	leopard, jeopardy
ea	head, wealth, measure, pleasure, thread, leather
ei	leisure, Leicester, friend
ay	says

A41

Comparison: [ə] and [e]

[ə]
canal
correct
gazette
police
support
command
American

[e]
kennel
kept
geld
pence
self-help
ketchup
embassy

A42

Sentences

Listen and repeat. Read each sentence aloud slowly at first, then as if you were telling it to someone in a natural way.

1. "It's **best** for your **pet's health** to **rest**", **said** an **educated vet** to a **wealthy gentlemen**.
2. **Educated men** have always **measured every** word they **said**.
3. **Twenty-seven** **shepherds** **hesitated** before **entering** the sheep-**pen**.
4. It's a real **pleasure** to **rest** on a nice **leather** sofa.
5. A **red leather** jacket was **well presented** on the display.
6. The **weather** was **wet** and windy when the **men** were **mending** the **fence**.

A43

Verses

Listen and copy the intonation and voice modulation on the CD.

Let us gaily **tread** the **measure**,
Make the most of fleeting **leisure**;
Every moment brings a **treasure**,
Of its own especial **pleasure**...
Let us gaily **tread** the **measure**.



Additional exercises:

A: Write down 4 words with the target sound that you often use when speaking English. Practice these words, thinking about your lips, tongue and jaw positions for the target sound.

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

B: Write down 4 words with the target sound that you often hear on TV, radio or from your friends/colleagues. Practice these words, thinking about your lips, tongue and jaw positions for the target sound.

1. _____ 3. _____

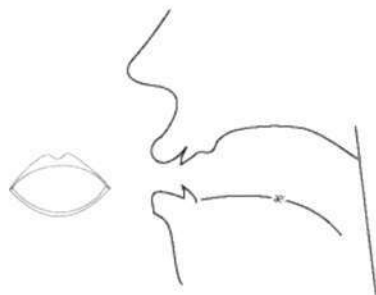
2. _____ 4. _____

Lesson 15: The [æ] sound as in "cat"

Speech organs position:

Open jaw, open loose lips,
almost flat tongue at the
bottom of the mouth,
think forward.

[æ æ æ]



A49

Words

Listen and repeat. Look at the mouth diagram to help you position your lips, tongue and jaw for the target sound.

Japanese, barrage, nationalities, bad, happened, land, understand,
activity, prank, miraculous, panther, ragged, man, actually

A50

Comparison: [e] and [æ] sounds

[e]	[æ]	[e]	[æ]
men	man	beg	bag
guessed	gassed	pet	pat
fed	fad	ten	tan
hem	ham	said	sad
hetero	hand	breath	bandage
wren	rank	kettle	candle

A51

Comparison: [ə], [e] and [æ]



[ə]

moraine
Beluga
banana
solution
lament
towards



[e]

mess
bend
bred
set
led
together



[æ]

mass
band
brand
sat
land
gather

A52

Sentences

Listen and repeat. Read each sentence aloud slowly at first, then as if you were telling it to someone in a natural way.

1. A black fat cat was sad when he couldn't grab a slice of ham.
2. It can be quite a challenge to manage a marriage.
3. A man who looked unhappy sang a sad bad mad romantic song.
4. As a habit I add some tomato to my hamburger.
5. Standing hand in hand, the man asked Jan for her hand in marriage.
6. Can you manage to carry those magazines back to the rack?

A53

Verses

Listen and copy the intonation and voice modulation on the CD.

What was that?
It was the cat!

Pull ashore in fashion steady,
For the clergyman is ready
To unite the happy pair!

