

English Pronunciation

Lesson One: Pronunciation of /p/ pin

Hold your hand upright in front of your mouth, so that your fingers are just touching your nose. Make sure that you feel a definite explosion of air each time you say /p/.

PRACTICE

A. put pot pay pet poor please people computer

B. **silent /p/** cu(p)board recei(p)t (p)sychology

C. Say slowly, then faster and faster. Don't be afraid to exaggerate when saying /p/.

1. Practice makes perfect.
2. To rob Peter to pay Paul.
3. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper, where's the peck of pickled pepper Peter Piper picked?

D. Which is the speaker saying?

Note: In each of the following pairs of words one word is spoken twice, you have to decide which word from the pair the speaker speaks. The answers are given below.

1. pig/big
2. pill/bill
3. pen/ten
4. pick/thick
5. pat/bat
6. post/boast
7. pan/can
8. pole/hole
9. pop/bop

Answers: 1. pig 2. pill 3. ten 4. thick 5. bat
6. post 7. can 8. pole 9. bop