

English Pronunciation

Lesson Seven: Pronunciation of /f/ fun

Bite your bottom lip gently between your teeth. Build up pressure behind this wall of your top teeth and bottom lip, then open your mouth just enough to let air through, and blow.

PRACTICE

- A. fox fun fly fat far foot puff left
- B. **“ph” sounds /f/** (almost from Greek)
tele(ph)one (ph)otograph (Ph)ilip hy(ph)en (ph)ilosophy
- C. **“gh” sounds /f/**
lau(gh) enou(gh) cou(gh) rou(gh) drau(gh)t
- D. Which is the speaker saying?
1. life/like
2. foot/put
3. fail/sail
4. loft/lost
5. tough/touch
6. fuel/duel
7. laughs/last
8. fry/try
- E. Say slowly, then faster and faster. Don't be afraid to exaggerate when saying /f/.
1. Fit as a fiddle.
2. Laugh and grow fat.
3. The fat's in the fire.
4. Out of the frying pan into the fire.
5. Fine feathers make fine birds.
6. Birds of a feather flock together.

Answers: 1.life 2. put 3. sail 4. loft
5. tough 6.duel 7. laughs 8. try