

# English Pronunciation

## Lesson Two: Pronunciation of /b/ bin

Put your fingers on your throat. Check that your vocal cords behind your Adam's apple are vibrated. This time the sound /b/ is *voiced*. Compare /p/, which is *voiceless*. Can you feel the difference between the *voiced* and *voiceless* sounds? Don't be afraid to exaggerate.

### PRACTICE

A. bit    but    blue    baby    bottle    brother    table    problem

B. **silent /b/** clim(b) com(b) thum(b) de(b)t

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

1. Bread and butter.
2. Blind leading the blind.
3. Your eyes are bigger than your belly.

D. Which is the speaker saying? /b/ or /p/?

1. What a beautiful golden peach/beach.
2. The pills/bills are on the table.
3. The mop/mob fell on him.
4. He threw off the rope/robe and ran away.

E. Mixed voiced/voiceless. Say slowly. Then faster and faster, but always thinking carefully whether you are saying /b/ or /p/.

1. Peter has a big pink pig.
2. The butcher put the pork into a brown paper bag.
3. Betty has prepared a beautiful blueberry and apple pie for Bobby's birthday.

Answers: 1 beach    2. pills    3. mop    4. robe