

Consonants

There are 24 consonant sounds in most English accents, conveyed by 21 letters of the regular English alphabet (sometimes in combination, e.g., *ch* and *th*).

THE CONSONANTS OF ENGLISH	
Sound	Examples
/p/	<u>p</u> air, cu <u>p</u>
/b/	<u>b</u> ad, cra <u>b</u>
/t/	<u>t</u> all, hi <u>t</u>
/d/	<u>d</u> ark, hea <u>d</u>
/k/	<u>c</u> ab, lac <u>k</u>
/g/	g <u>o</u> od, ta <u>g</u>
/f/	<u>f</u> ine, wi <u>f</u> e
/v/	<u>v</u> ery, abo <u>v</u> e
/θ/	<u>th</u> ing, bo <u>th</u>
/ð/	<u>th</u> is, fa <u>th</u> er
/s/	<u>s</u> aw, hou <u>s</u> e
/z/	z <u>a</u> p, go <u>es</u>
/ʃ/	<u>sh</u> ape, pu <u>sh</u>
/ʒ/	plea <u>s</u> ure, be <u>ig</u> e
/h/	<u>h</u> er, a <u>h</u> ead
/x/	lo <u>ch</u>
/tʃ/	<u>ch</u> erry, ma <u>ch</u>
/dʒ/	ju <u>dg</u> e, ra <u>j</u>
/m/	<u>m</u> an, tea <u>m</u>
/n/	<u>n</u> ail, ta <u>n</u>
/ŋ/	ri <u>ng</u> , si <u>ng</u> er
/l/	<u>l</u> et, ta <u>ll</u>
/r/	<u>r</u> ight, sca <u>r</u> y
/w/	<u>w</u> et, a <u>w</u> ay
/j/	<u>y</u> ou, soya