

Pronunciation Practice: \v\ and \f\ Sounds

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Pronunciation Lesson /v/ and /f/ sounds in American English

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Sample Presentation
for the Lesson

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Appendix for *New Ways in Teaching Speaking*, 2nd edition

Caveat

The lesson was originally co-taught by two ESL teachers; one teacher presented / v / sounds by

turning the voice on

and the other teacher demonstrated the / f / sound by

turning the voice off.

The two teachers alternated throughout the lesson.

However, the lesson can be used by one ESL instructor.

It also can be used by a cooperating teacher and a student teacher completing a teaching practicum or supervised teaching requirement.



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Articulation Features

/v/ and /f/

/v/

1. Labiodental
2. Voiced
3. Fricative

/f/

1. Labiodental
2. Voiceless
3. Fricative

Turn your voice **off** for the / **f** / sound

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Turn your voice **on** for the / **v** / sound

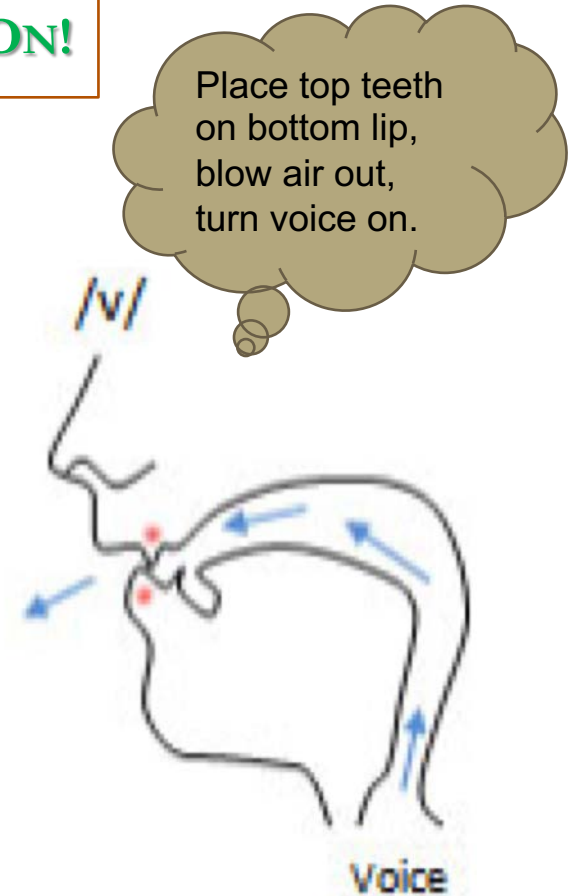
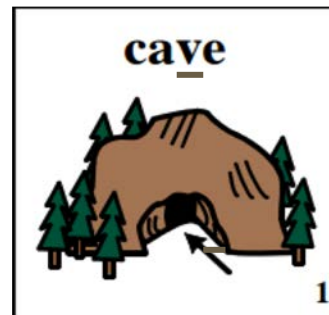
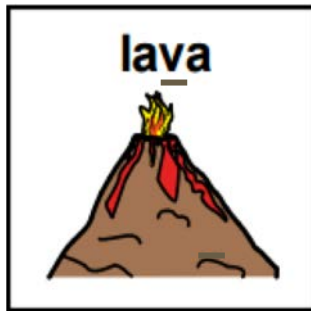


PLACE OF ARTICULATION FOR /v/: TURN THE VOICE ON!

★ /v/ is a voiced sound!

1. Place your hand on your throat.
2. Place your teeth on your bottom lip.
3. Blow air out as you turn voice on.

“Can you feel your throat vibrating?”

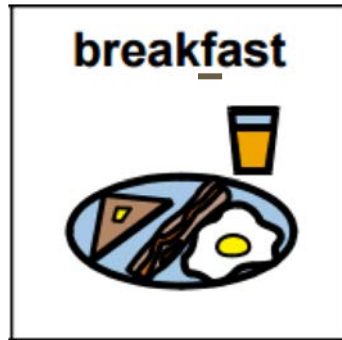
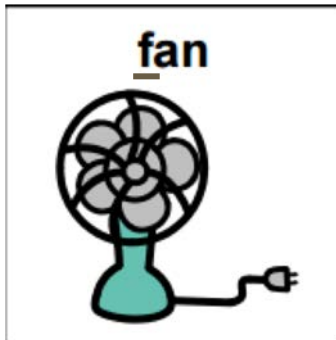


PLACE OF ARTICULATION FOR / f / : TURN THE VOICE OFF !

★ / f / is a voiceless sound!

1. Place your hand on your throat.
2. Place your teeth on your bottom lip.
3. Blow air out.

“Is your throat vibrating like it was with the /v/ sound?”



Place top teeth on bottom lip, blow air out.

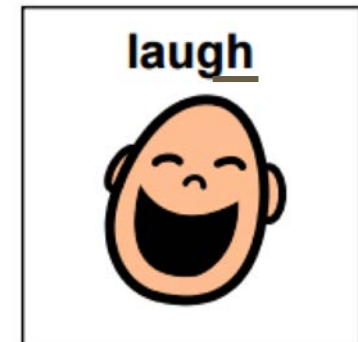
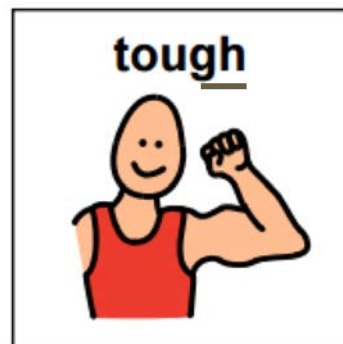
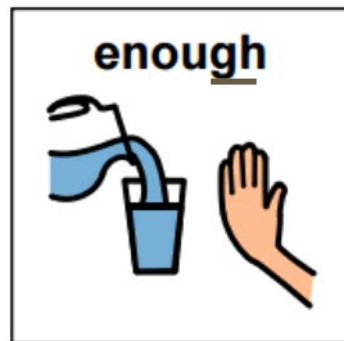
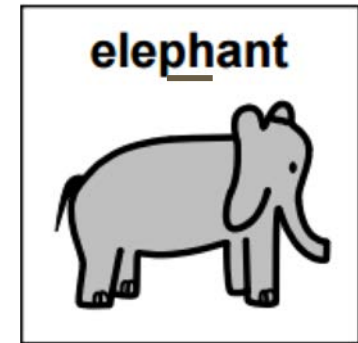


Spelling Exception
to the
/ v / sound

The /f/ in the word
“of”
is pronounced
like a /v/.



Spelling Exceptions to the / f / sound: [ff, gh, ph]



Fun with Tongue Twisters!

/ v / sound

Vivian believes violent,

violet bugs

hve very big value.

/ f / sound

Frank feeds fat fish

fresh fish food.

Pronunciation Fun with / v / and / f / sounds together in Tongue Twisters!

**Five very funny flies
in velvet vests
flew from France
on Friday evening.**

**Of all the felt
I ever felt
I never felt
a piece of felt.**

Tongue twisters for / f / sound: / ph / and / gh /

/ ph / with / f / sound

I'm not the pheasant plucker,
I'm the pheasant plucker's son,
And I'm only plucking pheasants
till the pheasant pluckers come

/ gh / with / f / sound

The wind was rough.
And cold and tough.
The cold, rough, tough wind
Made her cough loudly enough.
She coughed and coughed
until her hat blew off.

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