

CONSONANT SOUNDS TEST

AMERICAN ENGLISH CONSONANTS PRONUNCIATION (ARTICULATION) SELF-ASSESSMENT

Instructions for American English Consonants Pronunciation (Articulation) Self-Assessment (Numbers 1 through 26): Say each word. If you have difficulty with the consonant sound indicated in the sample word, "circle" the difficult word and put an "x" in the rectangular box for that sound. The "circled" words will determine if part of your problem comes when you have to say longer, multiple syllable words with the sound in it. Additionally, some common **PROBLEM SOUNDS** for a person from **RUSSIA** will be indicated for you by **NUMBERS IN PURPLE**.

		1 Syllable	2 Syllables	3 Syllables	4 Syllables	5 Syllables	5+ Syllables			
	h									
	wh									
1	w		want always	were away	Wednesday hardware store	women sandwiches	wallpaper Kawasaki	watermelon		
2	m		mom come camp	machine album lemon	management maximum hamburger	misconception petroleum Amarillo	magnification auditorium hippopotamus			
3	p		pie soap supper	pickles landscape compare	potatoes envelope computer	potentially stereotype disposable	penitentiary supermarket			
4	b		best crib	batter subscribe baby	boulevard prescribe subtotal	beautifully corn-on-the-cob ambulance	bacteria formidable			
5	f		fun chef	photo enough afford	factory waterproof emphasize	facility choreograph proficient	manufacture cafeteria			
6	v		vote of invoice	vacuum improve covered	vegetables effective renovate	verocity subdivide development	vocabulary alternative individual	veterinarian unequivocally		
7	n		nice fan and	naughty button sentence	neighborhood afternoon banana	noticeable phenomenon undermined	necessarily multiplication information's	developmental		
8	t		type quit hotel	toilet jacket substitute	telephone chocolate vegetables	tomorrow certificate thermometer	television undeveloped refrigerator			
9	d		down red birthday	depressed salad sudden	department expected medicine	diagnosis lemonade redundant	disagreeable undecided ridiculous	disorganization understandably rudimentary		
10	k		could look parking	kitchen public doctor	company stomachache accident	customary massacre medication	cooperation optimistic discoloration			
11	g		got big figure	gallon colleague ago	guarantee catalog chewing gum	Gabriella travelogue magnificent	gastronomical egotistical			
12	(ing)		ring bringing	evening singing	finger nail					
13	th (o)		thanks with birthday	Thursday dishcloth bathroom	theater underneath authorize	thermometer Elizabeth arithmetic	authenticity			
14	TH ()		this loathe mother	themselves rebathe within	therabout another		altogether			
15	sh		shoes brush machine	shipping finish insure	chaperon accomplish inspection	Shenandoah mulberry bush education	abbreviation disorganization			
16	(zh)		azure	measure	decision	supervision	usually			
17	ch		choose lunch matches	children approach teacher	chewing gum butterscotch furniture	charitable agriculture	infatuation			
18	j		juice page project	journal garage budget	janitor project management	jurisdiction encourage advantageous	generational exaggeration			
19	s		soup ice lesson	sandwich promise pencil	cereal poisonous passenger	ceremony unanimous impossible	superintendent miscellaneous electricity	systematically		
20	z		zip please losing	zero surprise reason	xylophone merchandise resume	zoology apologize supervisor	organization			
21	l		laugh little color	laundry thoughtful pillow	library casual policeman	legislature traditional fortunately	laboratory individual immediately	accidentally		
22	r (Beginning position)		red	rabbit	reasonable	remembering	ramifications			
23	Consonant to /er/		bird	loafers	dinner	father	follower			
24	Consonant to /er/		fisherman	teacher	tangerine	bigger	leatherworks			
24	/er/ to Consonant		urp	earn	earth	early	urge			
25	Vowel to /er/		haircut	earache	fireman	fourteen	horse	car	sewer	
26	y		yes lawyer	yellow behavior	uniforms Cecilia	yesterday security	unanimous continually			
* A Russian speaker tends to wrongly have the sides or the back of the tongue raised for English: p, b, m, f, v, t, d, n, sh, zh, s, z, l, and r.										

AMERICAN ENGLISH VOWELS PRONUNCIATION SELF-ASSESSMENT

Instructions for the American English Vowels Pronunciation (Articulation) Self-Assessment (Letters A through S): Say the words. If you have difficulty with the vowel sound indicated, in the sample words, put an "x" in the rectangular box for that sound. Additionally, some common **PROBLEM SOUNDS** for a person from **RUSSIA** will be indicated for you by **LETTERS IN PURPLE**. For more in-depth evaluation of Vowel Sounds, study the Vowel Sheets handout found in the handout sections of the Foreign Accent Modification Course or the American English Consonants Pronunciation Course from this website.)

FRONT VOWELS

A. eel, Eli, eat

B. itch, fit, bit
(Say the **RED** words from the American English Consonants Pronunciation (Articulation) Self-Assessment for other examples.)

C. ape, Ada, aid (Same as from Diphthongs)

D. elf, Ed, edge

E. apple, Ann, act

BACK VOWELS

F. oops, pool, fool

G. look, pull, full
(Say the **BLUE** words from the American English Consonants Pronunciation (Articulation) Self-Assessment for other examples.)

H. oh, no, sew (Same as from Diphthongs)

I. awful, auto, coffee

J. octopus, Ollie, hot

MID VOWELS

K. work, heard, bird, journal

L. scatter, teacher, fisherman, leader

M. uncle, up, cup, jump
(Say the **GREEN** words from the American English Consonants Pronunciation (Articulation) Self-Assessment for other examples.)

N. Anna

DIPHTHONGS

O. oil, boy, spoil

P. oh, no, sew (Same as from Back Vowels)

Q. ape, Ada, aid (Same as from Front Vowels)

R. I, spy, cry

S. outside, owl

Some Common **PROBLEM LANGUAGE ERRORS** for a person from **RUSSIA** will be indicated for you by **WORDS IN PURPLE** .

Be sure that all FINAL POSITION Consonant sounds are put on the ends of words. In particular, the "l" sound needs to be prolonged, slightly, to be correct.

Review plural words which stay the same for "one" or "more than one," such as "fish." There is no proper English word of "fishes."