

English consonants

Mouth Part Used	Unvoiced	Voiced	Air Flow
<i>labial</i> ¹	<i>p</i> (pet)	<i>b</i> (bed)	plosive
	<i>f</i> (fit)	<i>v</i> (vet)	fricative
<i>alveolar</i> ²	<i>t</i> (tap)	<i>d</i> (dog)	plosive
	<i>s</i> (sat)	<i>z</i> (zip)	fricative
	<i>l</i> (lad)		continuous
<i>palatal</i> ³	<i>ch</i> (chip)	<i>j</i> (jam)	plosive
	<i>sh</i> (ship)	<i>zh</i> (vision)	fricative
<i>velar</i> ⁴	<i>k</i> (kid)	<i>g</i> (bag)	plosive
		<i>r</i> (rat)	continuous
	<i>w</i> (wag)		aspirated
	<i>wh</i> (when)		aspirated
<i>dental</i>	<i>th</i> (thin)	<i>th</i> (them)	fricative
<i>pharyngeal</i>	<i>h</i> (hat)		aspirated
<i>nasal, labial</i>		<i>m</i> (map)	continuous
<i>nasal, palatal</i>		<i>n</i> (nap)	continuous
<i>nasal, velar</i>		<i>ng</i> (ring)	continuous
<i>velar/labial</i>	<i>qu</i> (quit)		plosive/ fricative
<i>velar/alveolar</i>	<i>x</i> (box)		plosive/ fricative

¹*labial*: involves lips

²*alveolar*: tongue pushes against upper gums

³*palatal*: tongue pushes against hard palate

⁴*velar*: back of tongue pushes against soft palate

⁵*dental*: tongue presses against teeth