

Outcomes

Intermediate – Pronunciation 2

Consonant sounds

A 🎧 Listen and repeat the sounds and the words.

/p/ a <u>p</u> ply p <u>er</u> manent	/t/ t <u>r</u> aining t <u>u</u> tor	/tʃ/ c <u>h</u> eat o <u>ver</u> charge	/k/ a <u>cc</u> ounts c <u>on</u> tract
/b/ b <u>l</u> and diab <u>e</u> tic	/d/ d <u>i</u> scipline avoi <u>d</u>	/dʒ/ gor <u>g</u> eous rigi <u>d</u>	/g/ ru <u>g</u> g <u>i</u> g
/f/ a <u>ff</u> ord f <u>a</u> ke	/s/ c <u>i</u> vil s <u>e</u> rvice ju <u>i</u> cy	/l/ l <u>a</u> bel l <u>e</u> cture	/ʃ/ s <u>u</u> gary po <u>r</u> tion
/v/ v <u>e</u> nu wo <u>v</u> en	/z/ o <u>ve</u> rseas rai <u>s</u> e	/r/ r <u>e</u> p r <u>e</u> search	/w/ w <u>a</u> rehouse sw <u>e</u> ar

B Which sounds do you find hardest to pronounce?

Notice that when you say /p/, /t/, /f/, /tʃ/, /k/ and /s/ it is important to push more air out of your mouth as you make the sound.

C A group of consonants at the start of a word is called a *consonant cluster*. For example: *str* in *straight*. Always try to say these sounds very clearly when they are at the beginning of a word. If you make a pronunciation mistake here, it can be especially difficult for people to understand you.

D Try saying these words.

trainers	swap	skip	pretty
stripy	spread	squid	greasy
grade	brand	bright	playground

Find this difficult? Try adding a short /ə/ sound between the consonants and then speed up. People will still understand you.