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A plosive is a consonant articulation with the following characteristics :

- 1- The articulators form a stricture that allowed no air to escape from the vocal tract. The stricture is total.

- 2- Air compressed behind it ,then it is released –that is air is allowed to escape.
- 3- The escape of air will produced noise loud enough to be heard. This noise is called position.
- 4- There may be voicing during plosive articulation.

Phases in plosives production

- a)closing phase
- b)compression phase
- c)release phase
- d)post- release phase

English plosives

English has six plosive consonants:
p,t,k,b,d,g.

Place of articulations

	bilabial	alveolar	velar
Fortis (voiceless)	p	t	k
Lenis (voiced)	b	d	g