

**2 English Sounds**

**(44 Phonemes)**

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**Discussion**

**WHICH ENGLISH ?**

# Which English?

- In this book, we concentrate on
- **Received Pronunciation (R.P.):** the sort of English used by educated native speakers in south-east of England.

# **ENGLISH SOUNDS**

## **(44 Phonemes)**

# English Sounds

- Despite there being just **26** letters in the English language, there are approximately **44** unique sounds.
- known as **phonemes** (i. e. the minimal unit in the sound system of a language).
- The 44 sounds help **distinguish** one word or meaning from another.
- The 44 English sounds fall into two categories: **consonants** and **vowels**.

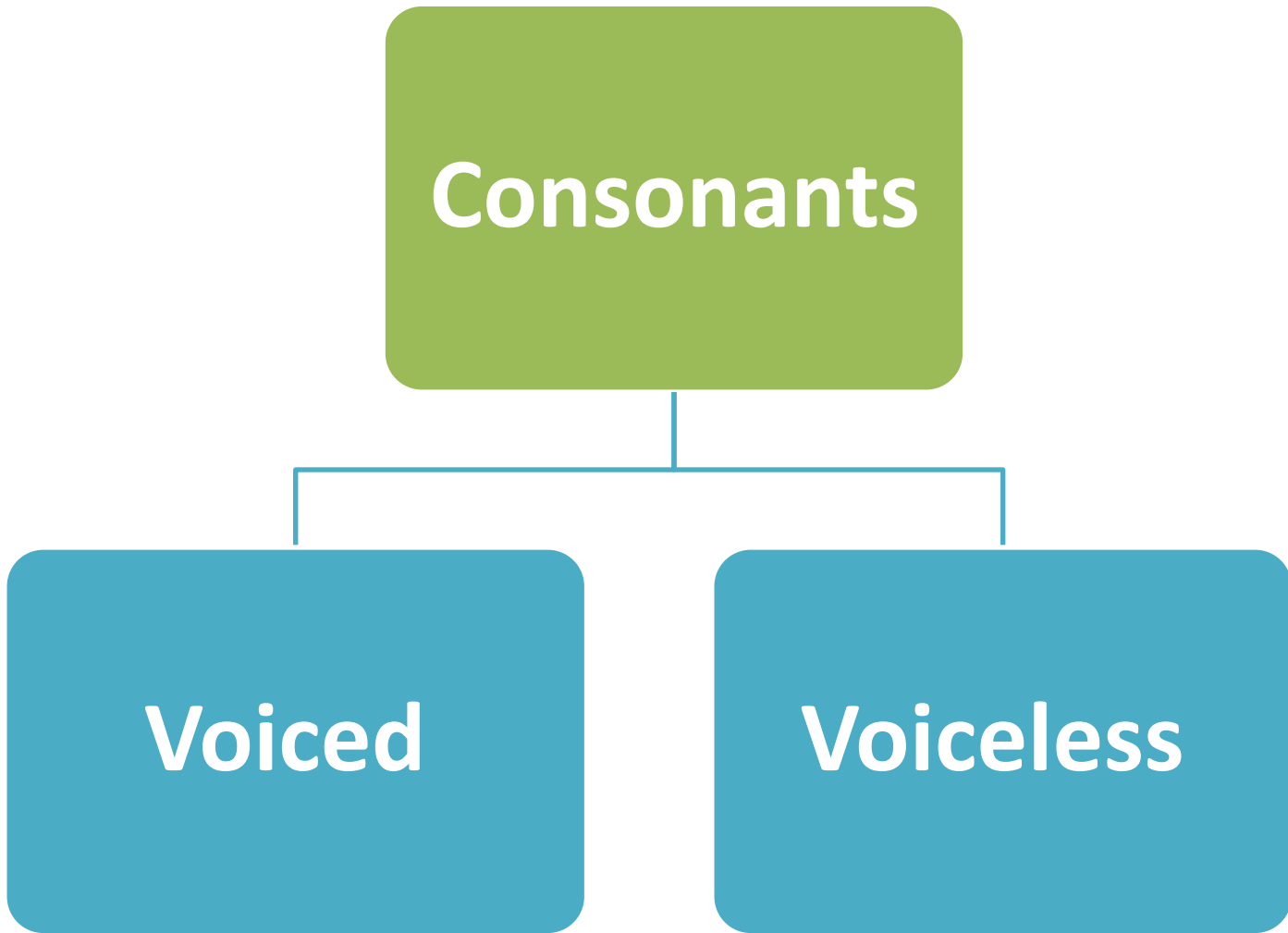
# English Sounds: Consonants

- **A consonant** is a speech sound made by stopping all or some of the air going out of your mouth.
- There are approximately **24** consonants in English.
- They are classified according to
  - **Manner of Articulation,**
  - **Place of Articulation,**
  - **Voicing and**
  - **Airstream Mechanism.**

# English Sounds: Consonants

1. **p**ay /p/
2. **b**ay /b/
3. **m**ay /m/
4. **t**ie /t/
5. **d**ie /d/
6. **n**o /n/
7. **c**ake /k/
8. **g**o /g/
9. **s**ing /ŋ/
10. **f**ee /f/
11. **v**ow /v/
12. **s**o /s/

1. **z**oo /z/
2. **th**igh /θ/
3. **th**ey /ð/
4. **sh**ow /ʃ/
5. **pl**ea**s**ure /z/
6. **ch**urch /tʃ/
7. **j**udge /dʒ/
8. **l**ie /l/
9. **r**ed /r/
10. **y**es /j/
11. **w**eigh /w/
12. **h**ay /h/



**Activity:** distinguish the consonants, whether they are voiced or voiceless.

**THANKS FOR LISTENING**