

5: The Consonants of English

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3. Nasal Consonants

- There are **THREE** consonants. /m, n, ŋ/
- *The soft palate is lowered and at the same time the mouth passage is blocked at some point. So, all the air is pushed out of the nose.*

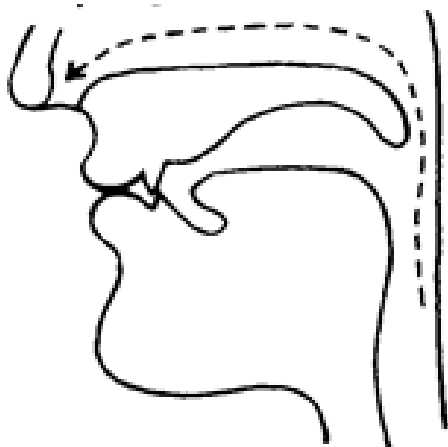


Fig. 20 /m/

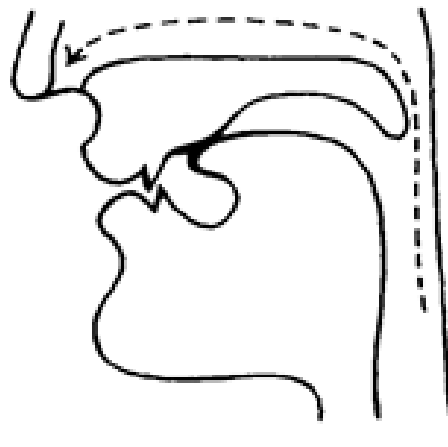


Fig. 21 /n/

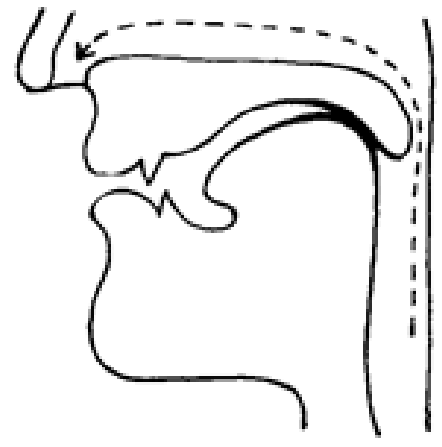


Fig. 22 /ŋ/

4. Lateral Consonant

- One English consonant **/l/** is formed laterally.
- *Instead of the breath passing down the centre of the mouth, it passes round the sides of an obstruction set up in the centre.*

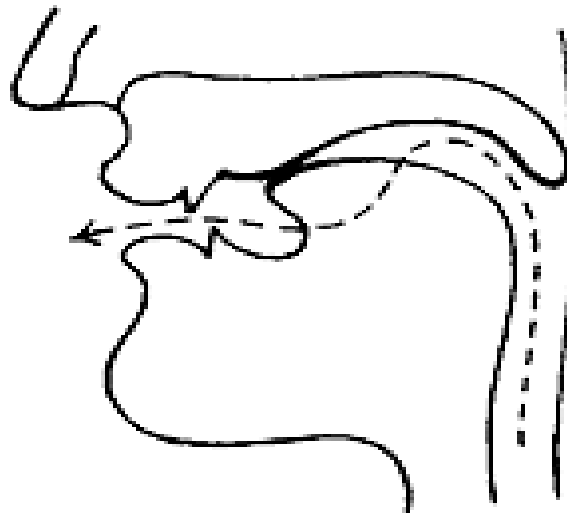


Fig. 23 /l/ as in liv

5. Gliding Consonants

- There are **THREE** consonants. **/j, w, r/**
- *They consist of a quick, smooth, non friction glide towards a following vowel.*

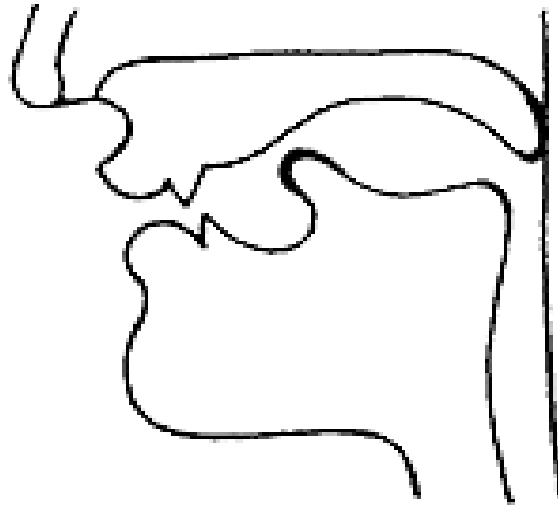


Fig. 24 /r/

ACTIVITY - TRANSCRIBE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Reason**
- 2. Soon**
- 3. Long ago**
- 4. Lambs**
- 5. Singer**
- 6. Lost**
- 7. Yard**
- 8. Whistle**
- 9. You**
- 10. Your**
- 11. New**
- 12. Reward**

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