

Appendix 6 – English Phonemic Inventory



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Can you figure out all the English consonant sounds? Only the squares without an X are English sounds. Write a word that uses the sound and underline the sound. The first two are done for you.

How the Sounds are Made		Where the Sounds Are Made						
		Two lips	Lip and teeth	Tongue between teeth	On or near the tooth ridge	Tongue near roof of the mouth	Back of tongue against the back of the throat	Back of the throat
	Vocal Chords							
Air is stopped	no	<u>pet</u>	x	x		x		x
	yes	<u>bear</u>	x	x		x		x
Air is released with some friction	no	x					x	
	yes	x					x	x
Air is stopped and then released	no	x			x		x	x
	yes	x	x	x	x		x	x
Air goes out the nose	yes		x	x		x		x
Air goes past the sides of the tongue	yes	x	x	x		x	x	x
Tongue "slides" from one position to another	yes		x	x			x	x