

## Focusing on Special Difficulties

After you have studied the vowel and consonant symbols used in *Speechcraft*, circle on each chart (1) the particular sounds you have difficulty pronouncing and (2) the pairs of sounds you confuse with each other. If a particular sound or sound pair is *especially* difficult, put a double circle around it. (For this assignment, you can ignore the symbols enclosed in parentheses ( ) in the vowel chart.)

English Vowel Sounds

Tongue Position \ Tongue Height	FRONT	CENTRAL	BACK
HIGH	/iy/ feed /ɪ/ fit	(i) c <u>o</u> untry (u) é <u>cr</u> u	/uw/ boot /ʊ/ bush
MID	/ey/ fade /ɛ/ fed	/ɜr/ c <u>u</u> rler (ə) /ʌ/ c <u>u</u> stom (ə)	/ow/ bone (o) br <u>av</u> o
LOW	/æ/ fad	/ɑ/ cot	/ɔ/ boss
Complex Vowels			
/ay/ fine    /ɔy/ coin    /aw/ bound			

## English Consonant Sounds

AIR FLOW ↓		VOICE ↓	PLACES OF ARTICULATION						
			Two Lips	Lip and Teeth	Tongue and Teeth	Tongue and Tooth Ridge	Tongue and Hard Palate	Tongue and Soft Palate	Throat
STOPS →		VI Vd	/p/ pack /b/ back			/t/ tie /d/ die	/tʃ/ choke /dʒ/ joke	/k/ key /g/ gold	
CONTINUANTS →	Fricatives	VI Vd		/f/ fine /v/ vine	/θ/ thank /ð/ than	/s/ sip /z/ zip	/ʃ/ she /ʒ/ vision		/h/ hot
	Nasals	Vd	/m/ meet			/n/ now		/ŋ/ ring	
	Liquids	Vd				/l/ last	/r/ red		
	Glides	Vd	/w/ walk				/y/ yet		

Now, please identify any other pronunciation problems that you especially would like help with: \_\_\_\_\_

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