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**Consonant Phonemes:** Phoneme is the minimal distinctive and contrastive sound unit of a language. English language has 26 letters but 44 sounds. Sounds that cannot be substituted for each other, without bringing about changes in their meaning are called phoneme, and they are represented by two different symbols. For example:- The two initial sounds in ten and den are represented by two different phonemic symbols / t / and / d /. English language has 20 vowel phonemes and 24 consonant phonemes.

1 - / p / pen , pencil , paper , plastic (initial)

apple , copper , captain ( mid )

stupid , cup , help ( final )

2 - / b / bat , book , bear (initial)

cube , table , tablet ( mid )

cab , pub , tub ( final )

3- / t / tear , tour , ten (initial)

satire , satisfy , Saturday ( mid )

set , pet , net , yet ( final )



4 - /d/	door, dear, dark	(initial)
	padlock, madness, shadow	(mid)
	mad, sad, bad	(final)
5 - /g/	go, good, glad	(initial)
	language, tongue, vague	(mid)
	dog, big, bag	(final)
6 - /k/	key, cat, cup, king	(initial)
	local, pocket, market	(mid)
	bark, talk, look	(final)
7 - /ʃ/	she, shoe, ship	(initial)
	fashion, condition, passion	(mid)
	crash, push, rush	(final)
8 - /s/	sip, see, sit, six	(initial)
	dancer, justice, instead	(mid)
	loose, price, mouse	(final)
9 - /z/	zoo, zip, zeal	(initial)
	lazy, razor, lazer	(mid)
	lose, prize, peas	(final)
10 - /ʒ/	-- -- --	(No initial)
	Leisure, pleasure, measure	(mid)



	Massage, garage, passage	( final )
11 - /dʒ/	joke , jam , judge	(initial)
	pigeon , danger , ranger	( mid )
	age , large , charge	( final )
12 - /tʃ/	cherry , charm , cheap	(initial)
	butcher , teacher , preacher	( mid )
	match , catch , watch	( final )
13 - /f/	fear , five , feel , fail	(initial)
	loafer , chauffer , sofa	( mid )
	cliff , sniff , half	( final )
14 - /v/	van , vote , very	(initial)
	ovel , rival , river	( mid )
	love, dove , move	( final )
15 - /h/	heel , hill , hand	(initial)
	a head , prehead , forehead	( mid )
	oh , ah , hurrah	(no final )
16 - /θ/	thin , thick , thank	(initial)
	nothing , enthusiasm , author	( mid )
	tooth , both , bath	( final )
17 - /ð/	the , they , there , those	(initial)



	mother, weather, leather	( mid )
	bache, breath	( final )
18 - / m /	mouth, mother, meet	( initial )
	humid, humour, homage	( mid )
	phoneme, calm, some	( final )
19 - / n /	name, neck, no, net	( initial )
	magnet, garnet, planet	( mid )
20	/ ŋ / ... ..	( no initial / no mid )
	ring, long, thing	( final )
21 - / l /	leg, letter, life, long	( initial )
	velar, molar, polar	( mid )
	tell, call, bill, kill	( final )
22 - / r /	red, rose, right, rock	( initial )
	fry, grass, green	( mid )
	glamour, farmer, humour	( no final )
23 - / j /	yellow, year, yes	( initial )
	situation, stupid curriculum	( mid / no final )
24 - / w /	window, wet, we	( initial )
	away, aware	( mid )
	now, know, how	( no final )