

Cues of American English

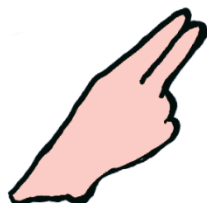
with Phonemic Spelling

Consonant Handshapes



Handshape 1

/d/ do
/p/ pea
/zh/ Zsa Zsa



Handshape 2

/k/ cake
/TH/ the
/v/ vie
/z/ zoo



Handshape 3

/h/ he
/r/ rah
/s/ see



Handshape 4

/b/ bib
/n/ no
/wh/ why



Handshape 5

/f/ fee
/m/ me
/t/ to
no consonant
before vowel



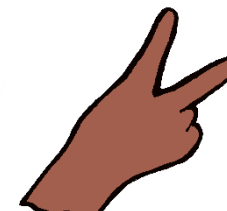
Handshape 6

/l/ loo
/sh/ she
/w/ we



Handshape 7

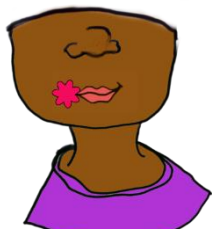
/g/ gig
/j/ jeep
/th/ thumb



Handshape 8

/ch/ chew
/ng/ young
/y/ you

Vowel Placements & Movements



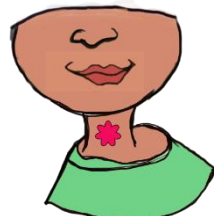
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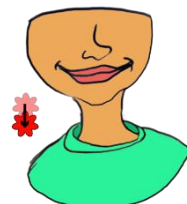
Chin (c)

/aw/ awe
/e/ ebb
/ue/ new



Throat (t)

/a/ at
/i/ it
/oo/ book



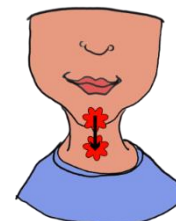
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Side-Down (sd)

/uh/ um



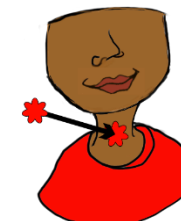
move 1" forward
Side-Forward (sf)

/ah/ hot
/oe/ oh



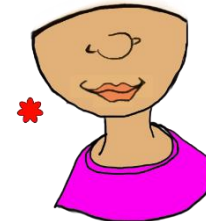
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/ay/ aim
/oi/ oil



Side-Throat (s5t)

/ie/ eye
/ou/ how



Side (s)

no vowel after
consonant

R-Controlled Vowels

ear	or	are	air	sure
/i r/	/oe r/	/ah r/	/e r/	/shue r/, /shoo r/,
/ee r/	/aw r/	/aw r/	/a r/	/shoe r/, or /shur/
			/ay r/	

Examples of Common Dialectal Variations

merry	marry	Mary
/me ree/ or /me ri/	/me ree/ or /me ri/	/me ree/ or /me ri/
/mur ee/ or /mur i/	/ma ree/ or /ma ri/	/may ree/ or /may ri/

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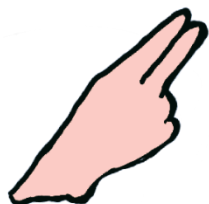
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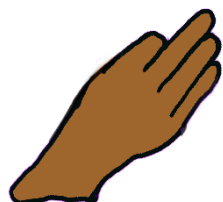
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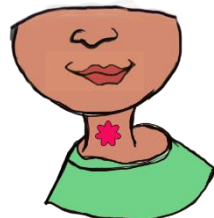
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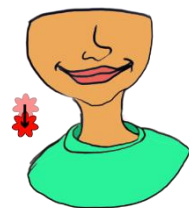
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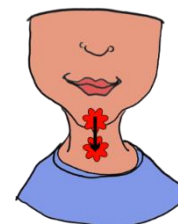
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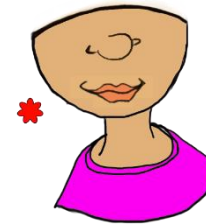
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			/ɛr/	

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