

# Cues of American English

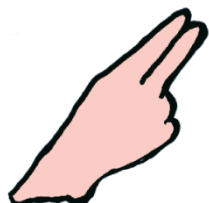
## with Phonemic Spelling

### 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



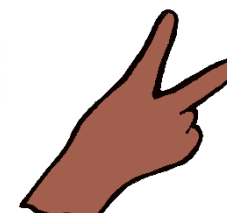
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Handshape 7

/g/ gig  
/j/ jeep  
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Handshape 8

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

### Vowel Placements & Movements



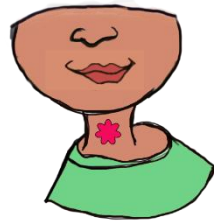
Mouth (m)

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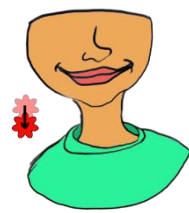
Chin (c)

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



Throat (t)

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



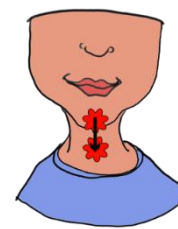
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Side-Down (sd)

/uh/ um



move 1" forward  
Side-Forward (sf)

/ah/ hot  
/oe/ oh



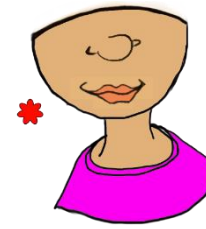
Chin-Throat (Lc5t)

/ay/ aim  
/oi/ oil



Side-Throat (Ls5t)

/ie/ eye  
/ou/ how



Side (s)

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consonant

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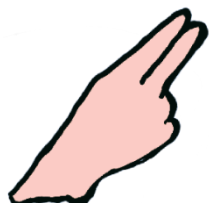
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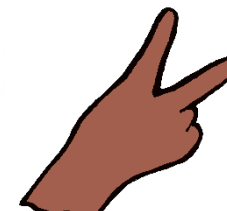
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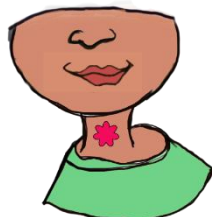
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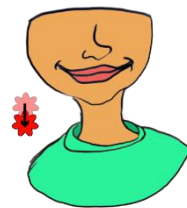
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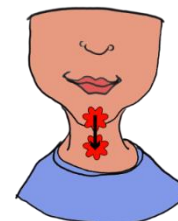
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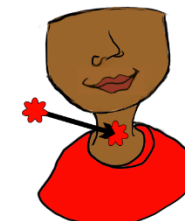
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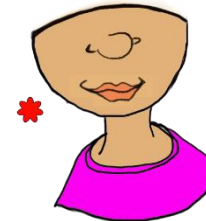
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