

# Forty-four Speech Sounds of English: Phonemes

After Rudolf Flesch (1955)

## 25 Consonants (21 letters)

1. /b/
2. /p/
3. /d/
4. /t/
5. /g/
6. /k/
7. /v/
8. /f/
9. /z/
10. /s/
11. /th/
12. /~~th~~/
13. /w/
14. /hw/
15. /j/
16. /ch/
17. /zh/
18. /sh/
19. /l/
20. /m/
21. /h/
22. /r/
23. /y/
24. /ng/
25. /h/

## 19 Vowels (5 letters)

1. /ǎ/
2. /ě/
3. /ĩ/
4. /õ/
5. /ũ/
6. /ā/
7. /ē/
8. /ī/
9. /ō/
10. /ū/
11. /au/
12. /ou/
13. /oi/
14. /ōō/
15. /ōõ/
16. /ä/
17. /âir/
18. /ur/
19. /ə/, like short u: /ũ/

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