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[a]

forward vowel

American English speakers are most familiar with this bright “ah” vowel sound as the beginning of a diphthong; however, the isolated sound can be approximated by very slowly saying the word “by.” The first vowel sound—before the tongue moves—is [a].

English	Italian
n/a	<u>ca</u> ra
French	Latin
<u>l</u> à	n/a
German	Spanish
w <u>a</u> nn	bo <u>ca</u>



Listening Lab: Example #1

[b]

voiced plosive consonant

Keep the lips and jaw relaxed to avoid tension.

English	Italian
<u>b</u> orn	<u>b</u> asso
French	Latin
<u>b</u> eau	<u>b</u> onae
German	Spanish
<u>B</u> itte	<u>b</u> ueno



Listening Lab: Example #26