







Features and Cues

- ✓ Press both lips together and pop them open to release a burst of air.
- ✓ Voice is turned ON for /b/.

Need More Help?

Prolong the /m/ sound and then pinch the nose shut to force the air through the mouth to make a /b/.

Common Errors

- x /p/ or /v/
- ✗ Inadequate lip contact

Classroom Strategies

- **1.** Model correct speech in response to some of the student's errors. Use emphasis and point to your mouth to highlight the corrected sound ("Put your **b**ag away.").
- 2. Point out the different sounds in print (e.g. "Look, 'bus' has your practice sound.").
- **3.** Create a small list of functional, key words for you and your student to practice together in their classroom routines. Write the words on a cue card or sticky note as a reminder.
 - a. Can you think of any words that you use in your daily lessons that contain /b/?
 - b. Does the student have a classmate whose name contains /b/?
 - c. Are there any weekly vocabulary or spelling words that contain /b/?
- **4.** Offer choices for correct responding to discussion questions (e.g. "Is the elephant 'pig' or 'big'?"). Place emphasis on the correct sound.
- **5.** Remember to acknowledge the student's attempts to communicate. Show interest in what they are saying and give them extra time to respond, as needed.