



**AMERICAN
ACCENT
COACHING**

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THE "D"



SECTION 2 CLASS 1

**THE AMERICAN "D" MAY BE MORE RELAXED
THAN YOU THOUGHT!**

Placement Instructions

Imagine a balloon sitting on the middle of the tongue. Flatten the tongue to make room for this balloon. Relax the jaw to isolate the tongue.

Gently curve the tip of the tongue up and around the "balloon." Lightly let the tip touch the alveolar ridge, right behind the teeth.

Build up pressure behind the tongue and then release it. Make sure it's not whispered. This is your American D!

Try it slowly and lazily, saying, "Duh, Duh, Duh..."

Practice tip:

Don't let the tongue touch the top front teeth!

D at the Beginning

dad, day, daring, dear, dead, dice, didn't, drive, does, door, done, dust, duck, duty, dyed, deli, deny, daisy, distant, definitely, dinosaur

My dad didn't dare to drive in the dark.

D in the Middle

adding, bidder, children, Eddie, Friday, graded, hiding, idiot, Judy, kidding, leader, middle, needle, odor, prideful, ready, saddest, tidy, under, video, wedding, yodel

Freddy's video of the wedding is ready to edit.



D at the End

add, bed, could, dead, exposed, fried, good, head, indeed, kid, laid, made, need, old, paid, ride, sued, tad, understand, vowed, wide, yelled

I understood that the kid needed growing room so I paid for a wider bed.

Pronunciation Note:

D's at ends of words can be kept inside the mouth. The tip of the tongue touches behind the teeth, but it never releases the plosive sound. The D vibrates on the inside of the mouth.

Try the words above with D at the end, and keep the D inside the mouth!

T's can sound like D's!**

**Covered in depth in Class 5

artist, artificial, beautiful, babysitter, British, courtesy, daughter, fighter, hater, jittery, later, little, mighty, meeting, native, notify, pretty, party, quota, quitting, ratings, starting, settle, tutor, thirty, utter, vitamin, water, waiting

Betty started babysitting when she was thirty.

We were notified that the meeting was starting.

D Sentences for Practice

During the meeting Friday, the raindrops were so pretty on the windows.

David is always dusting and tidying up his beautiful home.

The British babysitter is quitting in December so she can tutor students.

Vitamin Water doesn't taste bad at all!

HOMework

Make up your own sentences using D words and try them aloud.