



**AMERICAN
ACCENT
COACHING**
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DON'T EXPLODE THE (EX)PLOSIVES!



SECTION 2 CLASS 3

**LEARN A FASCINATING FEATURE OF THE PLOSIVE
CONSONANTS, AND HOW IT AFFECTS THE FLOW**

D

Practice these words two ways:

- 1- "Explode" the D out
- 2 - Keep the D inside the mouth

sad- // sad|
dad- // dad|
rid- // rid|
hide- // hide|
mode- // mode|

T

Practice these words two ways:

- 1- "Explode" the T out
- 2 - Keep the T inside the mouth

put- // put|
sat- // sat|
rate- // rate|
kit- // kit|
right- // right|

Practice Aloud

My dad- sat- there.
My dad| sat| there.

Sit- right- there.
Sit| right| there.

I hate- that- we can't- say the T's!
I hate| that| we can't| say the T's!

I set- my wallet- down on the white- table.
I set| my wallet| down on the white| table.



B

Practice these words two ways:

- 1- "Explode" the B out
- 2 - Keep the B inside the mouth

grab- // grab|

Bob- // Bob|

club- // club|

robe- // robe|

babe- // babe|

P

Practice these words two ways:

- 1- "Explode" the P out
- 2 - Keep the P inside the mouth

lip- // lip|

hope- // hope|

keep- // keep|

cape- // cape|

nap- // nap|

Practice Aloud

Bob- never drinks pop-.

Bob| never drinks pop|.

I hope- to see the club-.

I hope| to see the club|.

G

Practice these words two ways:

- 1- "Explode" the G out
- 2 - Keep the G inside the mouth

bug- // bug|

rag- // rag|

pig- // pig|

rogue- // rogue|

morgue- // morgue|

K

Practice these words two ways:

- 1- "Explode" the K out
- 2 - Keep the K inside the mouth

kick- // kick|

knock- // knock|

work- // work|

soak- // soak|

check- // check|



Practice Aloud

I kick- the ball.

I kick| the ball.

I knock- the bug- over.

I knock| the bug| over.

Notes on the Silent T

There's also one more instance where the T can stay inside the mouth:

When there's an "NT" in a word.

N and T are so close in the mouth that, if you choose, the T can disappear.

international = innernational

advantage = advannage

Try these with no T:

interview, center, dental, enter, front-of, hunter, interview, internet, printer, percentage, painting, wintertime, apart|ment, wanting

Examples:

It's on the **center** of the apartment **countertop**.

My **printer** is connected to the **internet**.

There are **advantages** of flying **internationally**.

I'm **wanting** to put the **painting** over that **counter**.

Exceptions to this rule: volunteer, until, introduce, romantic

HOMEWORK

Practice all sentences aloud daily. Then add to the lists and make up your own sentences, writing them down and practicing them regularly.