

v and b pronunciation

Southern British English (RP)

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i:	ɪ	ʊ	u:	ɪə	eɪ		
e	ə	ɜ:	ɔ:	ʊə	ɔɪ	əʊ	
æ	ʌ	a:	ɒ	eə	aɪ	aʊ	
p	b	t	d	tʃ	dʒ	k	g
f	v	θ	ð	s	z	ʃ	ʒ
m	n	ŋ	h	l	r	w	j



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V words [download words mp3](#) (5mins 1.9MB)

love, lovely, dove, live, leave
drive, shave, move, save
cover, behave, travel
very, every, view, VIP, evil
heavy, approve, evolve
revolve, revive, vivid, vivacious
Slavic, Slavenia, Venice, Vienna
Venezuela, Vietnam, Vancouver

V names:

Victor (Vic/Vick), Vincent (Vince)
Victoria (Vicky), Vanessa, Verity
Valerie (Val), Viola, Violet, Vivian (Viv)

B words

buy, but, because, bee, bus, basic
bib, baby, the Bible, barb
strobe, stab, hob, curb, verb
bread, brick, blue, black
able, table, cable, label, stable, humble
trouble, bubble, library, bribe, bribery
blueberry, blackberry, suburbia
brilliant, abnormal, combine
combination, debatable, barbecue
Zanzibar, butter beans

B names:

Barry, Brian, Bob, Ben, Albert
Abraham
Barbara, Beatrice, Elizabeth
Abigail (Abie)

V and B words

above, believe, brave, November
obvious, valuable, variable, Bavaria
vegetable, vibration, beverage
bus driver, vagabond, beaver
everybody, derivable, observation

Try these sound pairs:

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vest	best
berry	very
vat	bat
bow	vow
boat	vote
dub	dove
van	ban
veil	bale
vend	bend
bet	vet
betting	vetting
Serbs	serves
strove	strobe
dribble	drivel
vole	bowl

cupboard*	covered
curb	curve
bane	vane
vox	box
bile	vile
civil	Sybil
roved	robed
lubber	lover
gibbon	given
vending	bending
of use	abuse
ravel	rabble
jibe	jive
hobble	hovel
rebel	revel

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*the p is not pronounced.

Now try these sentences:

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Vicky is very lovely.
Bob bought a Bible.
I've been to the bank.
We've brought you a vase.
Victoria has a very bendy back.
They've invited me to their barbecue.
Barbara voted for a better government.
Leave the bread and butter on the table.
The violence in the movie was very vivid.
The bus driver told everybody to board the bus.
The bananas in Zanzibar are very bright and taste divine.
They've both been to Venice to buy very valuable boots.
Not everybody believes that Bad Billy McBeal is evil.
It's debatable whether the observations are to be believed.
Brazil versus Venezuela was a brilliant but very violent game.
Vince would have been very heartbroken to leave without Betty.
Vivian visited her troubled and very vulnerable brother Brad in Birmingham.
The Venerable Bede wrote various books about proverbs, parables and revelations.
Navajo people believe that it is vital to bring balance and harmony to our lives.
November's bribery case has obviously brought big trouble to the bank.