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| Pronunciation Practice: /h/ | | | |
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| **Symbol** | | **Examples** | Pronouncing the Sound |
| /h/ | | **h**eavy, a**h**ead, **h**istory | Air moves through the throat, creating friction that you can hear. The tongue and lips take the position of the vowel sound that follows the /h/. The soft palate is raised. /h/ is unvoiced, and never occurs as a final sound. |

1. *Listen and repeat. Notice how the position of your tongue and lips change according to the vowel that follows the /h/.*

/h/

1. hungry
2. hi
3. behind
4. happy
5. ahead
6. home
7. heat
8. mahogany
9. hurt
10. whose (“wh” pronounced as /h/)
11. *Some words begin with a silent “h”. Circle the words below that begin with a silent “h”. Hint: one of the words has 2 pronunciations for the initial “h”.*

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| 1. heavy   1. honourable 2. heel 3. hour 4. honey | 1. high 2. honest 3. herb 4. hem 5. hole |

1. *In some words that begin with “wh”, the “wh” is pronounced as /h/. Check (√) these words.*

1. wholesome

2. where

3. who

4. which

5. whose

6. whether