

THE SOUND /V/ | CORRECT PRONUNCIATION

How to pronounce /v/

- ✓ Place your **lower lip** lightly against your **upper teeth**.
- ✓ Keep your **lips** just slightly **apart**.
- ✓ Add your **voice**.
- ✗ **Don't** round your lips.
- ✗ **Don't** put your lips together.
- ✗ **Remember** to use your voice.

/v/ at the beginning of a word

<u>v</u> alid	<u>v</u> egetables	<u>v</u> ideo	<u>v</u> irus	<u>v</u> olleyball
<u>v</u> alley	<u>v</u> egetarian	<u>v</u> iew	<u>v</u> isa	<u>v</u> olume
<u>v</u> aluable	<u>v</u> ehicle	<u>V</u> ikings	<u>v</u> isit	<u>v</u> ote
<u>v</u> an	<u>v</u> erb	<u>v</u> illage	<u>v</u> isitor	<u>v</u> owel
<u>v</u> anilla	<u>v</u> ersus	<u>v</u> intage	<u>v</u> itamin	
<u>v</u> ariety	<u>v</u> ery	<u>v</u> iolence	<u>v</u> log	
<u>v</u> arious	<u>v</u> et	<u>v</u> iolin	<u>v</u> ocabulary	
<u>v</u> ase	<u>v</u> ictory	<u>v</u> irtual	<u>v</u> oice	

/v/ in the middle of a word

act <u>v</u> ity	fl <u>v</u> our	<u>n</u> ervous	<u>r</u> iver
<u>c</u> over	<u>h</u> eavy	<u>n</u> ever	<u>s</u> erver
del <u>v</u> er	how <u>e</u> ver	neverthe <u>l</u> ess	<u>s</u> even
<u>e</u> leven	<u>l</u> evel	Nov <u>e</u> mber	<u>s</u> ilver
<u>e</u> vening	<u>l</u> ovely	<u>o</u> ver	<u>t</u> ravel
<u>e</u> ver	more <u>o</u> ver	<u>r</u> elevant	<u>T</u> V
<u>e</u> very	<u>m</u> otivate	reserv <u>a</u> tion	

/v/ at the end of a word

<u>a</u> chieve	<u>b</u> elieve	<u>f</u> ive	<u>l</u> eave	<u>p</u> ositive
<u>a</u> ctive	<u>d</u> rive	<u>g</u> ive	<u>l</u> ive	<u>r</u> eceive
<u>a</u> rrive	<u>e</u> ffective	<u>h</u> ave	<u>l</u> ove	<u>s</u> ave
<u>a</u> ttactive	<u>e</u> xpensive	<u>i</u> mprove	<u>m</u> ove	<u>t</u> welve

These word lists just offer a choice of what I consider to be useful words. By all means add your own.

/v/ after prefixes

- A-** aavailable – average – avoid
- AD-** advanced – advantage – adventure – advertise – advice
- CON-** convenient – convention – conversation – convert – convince
- DE-** devalue – develop – device
- DI-** divide – division – divorce – divert
- E-** evaluate – event – evolution – evolve
- IN-** invent – invest – invisible – invoice – involve
- INTER-** interval – intervene – intervention – interview
- PRE-** prevail – prevent – preview – previous
- PRO-** provide – province – provision – provoke
- RE-** reveal – reverse – review – revolution
- SUR-** survey – survive – surveillance
- UNI-** universal – universe – university

Some irregular plurals: f → ves /vz/

half – halves	life – lives	thief – thieves	ourselves
knife – knives	scarf – scarves	wife – wives	yourselves
leaf – leaves	shelf – shelves	wolf – wolves	themselves

Countries, cities, regions etc.

Cape Verde	Vatican	Verona
Havana	Venezuela	Vesuvius
Valencia	Venice	Vienna
Vancouver	Venus	Vietnam
Vanuatu	Vermont	Virginia

Of = /əv/

The **f** in *of* is pronounced as a **/v/** sound.

In connected speech, the preposition is reduced to **/əv/**.

Dates

14 February – “the fourteenth **of** February”

2 April – “the second **of** April”

10 October – “the tenth **of** October”

Expressions

a **bit of** rain

a **lot of** work

a **cup of** coffee

a **glass of** water

a **piece of** cake

a **kilo of** rice

a **litre of** milk

a **bag of** crisps

a **box of** chocolates

none of it

some of us

most of them

half of it

both of you

all of them

one of the best

in front of you

out of the office

in spite of the rain

instead of me

of course

afraid of spiders

ahead of us

made of gold

think of a solution

get rid of it