

## SS1 ENGLISH STUDIES

### Speech work

#### Consonants /f/ and /v/

Description of consonant /f/: voiceless labio-dental fricative.

Consonant /f/ is produced when the upper teeth have a contact with the lower lip while air is gradually released (sibilant). It is a voiceless sound. The sound is common with the following letters:

1. Letter 'f' e.g. fan, fish, fence, face, fry, fable, film, frame, fin, face, four, five, etc.
2. Letters 'ff' e.g. off, office, official, offence, offering, offer, etc.
3. Letters 'ph' e.g. phrase, phase, physics, Philosophy, phlegm, photo, Joseph, etc.
4. Letters 'gh' e.g. laugh, cough, tough, etc.

Description of consonant /v/: voiced labio-dental fricative.

Consonant /v/ is produced with the same organs of speech used in producing consonant /f/. The only difference is while consonant /f/ is a voiceless sound, consonant /v/ is a voiced sound. /v/ is common with these letters:

1. Letter 'f' e.g. of
2. Letter 'v' e.g. van, vase, vehicle, vine, volume, vouch, vice, video, drive, grave, brave, save, rave, knives, loaves, love, curve, voodoo, etc.

Contrast of consonants /f/ and /v/

Fan	van
Face	vase
Fail	veil
Fat	VAT
Knife	knives
Loaf	loaves
Life	lives
Off.	Of

#### Assignment

1. Write twenty words with consonant /f/.
2. Write twenty words with consonant /v/.