

# **STRONG TOWER ACADEMY**

## **SUBJECT: ENGLISH STUDIES**

### **CLASS: SSS II**

#### **NASAL CONSONANTS**

Nasal consonants are sounds produced when the air which is coming from the lung is blocked thereby passes through the nose. In other words, a sound is said to be nasal when the organ(s) of speech used in producing the sound is nose. There are three nasal sounds in English language. They are:

1. /m/ voiced bilabial nasal
2. /n/ voiced alveolar nasal
3. /ŋ / voiced velar nasal
  - /m/ voiced bilabial nasal: This sound is produced with the upper and lower lips joined together and block the air coming from the lung is blocked thereby passing through the nose. It is a voiced sound. The sound is common with letter 'm'. Examples of words with sound /m/ include man, might, moon, mind, boom, zoom, maid, mood, mute, make, male, broom, meet, meat, mint, must, much, groom, loom, plumber, bomb, comb, lamb, soon, tomb, fumble, gum, mine, womb, etc.
  - /n/ voiced alveolar nasal: This sound is produced with the blade of the tongue having a contact with the alveolar while the air which is coming from the lung is blocked in the mouth and then passes through the nose. It is a voiced sound. Examples of words with /n/ sound include nose, nice, sin, seen, nose, knight, knife, know, niece, noon, nail, tan, can, ban, man, yawn, dawn, hen, pan, pen, ten, fan, van, won, win, lantern, ton, den, ant, warn, queen, vain, fin, fence, sense, Kent, lent, crown, clown, etc.
  - /ŋ/ voiced velar nasal: In producing this sound the back of the tongue is raised towards the velum, causing the air to be blocked. The air is forced to pass through the nose. It is a voiced sound. This sound is common with letters 'ng' in word e.g. wrong, king, sing, anger, hunger, singer, longer, song, linger, singing, etc