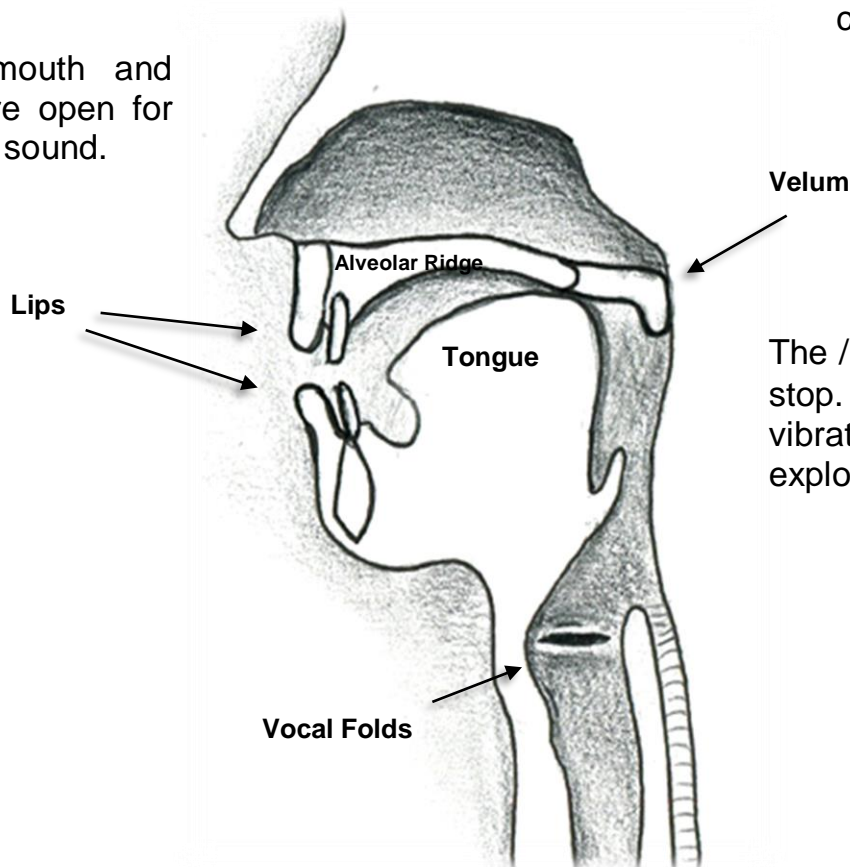


Speech Sound /k/

The /k/ sound is known as a velar plosive, or stop. Velar refers to the fact that the back of the tongue raises to contact the **velum**. This produces a brief blockage and a build-up of pressure in the air-stream. The tongue is lowered releasing a short explosive sound.

The mouth and lips are open for the /k/ sound.



The **velum** is raised sealing the nasal cavity.

The /k/ is a voiceless velar stop. The vocal folds *do not* vibrate. Stops are short, explosive sounds.