

comes out through the sides of the tongue. English has got one lateral sound /l/ which is an alveolar sound.

16. Approximants: Approximants are those sounds which are produced with a structure of open approximation, that is, they are vowel-like in their articulation (the air comes out through the mouth without any friction), but are classified as a consonant sound because they ~~take the position associated with consonants~~ always occupy the marginal consonant position in the structure of a syllable. There are three approximants in English - /r/, /j/ and /w/. /r/ is a post-alveolar approximant, /j/ is a palatal approximant and /w/ is a labio-velar approximant.

17. Syllable: A syllable is the smallest unit of sound that one can break a word into. It consists