

# UNIT 2

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 3 nuclear vowels: **u, o, ô**
- 3 initial consonants: **ng, nh, /k/**
- 2 tones: **high-rising tone (dấu sắc)** and **low-falling-rising tone (dấu hỏi)**

## PART 01 NUCLEAR VOWELS: u o ô

### 1. Vowel: u

- **u** is a high, back and rounded vowel. You should move your lip forward. The tongue tip is in a low position but it does not touch and stay away from the lower front teeth. The lips are sharply rounded.
- This vowel is almost like the English vowel [u:] as in **boot, move, shoe**

e.g

*u mu nu bu đu ngu nhu cu*

### 2. Vowels: o ô

- **ô** and **o** are both back, rounded vowels.
- When pronouncing **O**, please move your lips forwards and keep your lips the same position like an egg shape.
- To pronounce **Ô**, please start as rounded shape but while making the sound you move your lips forwards and end the sound like an **u** which means your lips become smaller at the end.
- Note:  
When pronouncing **o**, remember to keep your lips the same  
When **ô** is pronounced, remember to change the shape of your lips

➤ **Let's compare:**

*o bo mo no đu ngo nho co*  
*ô bô mô nô đô ngô nhô cô*

### 3. Practice

**Multiple choice:** Choose the sound you hear

1.	<i>o</i>	<i>ô</i>	<i>u</i>
2.	<i>mô</i>	<i>mu</i>	<i>mo</i>
3.	<i>bu</i>	<i>đu</i>	<i>nô</i>
4.	<i>đu</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>bô</i>
5.	<i>bo</i>	<i>mô</i>	<i>nu</i>

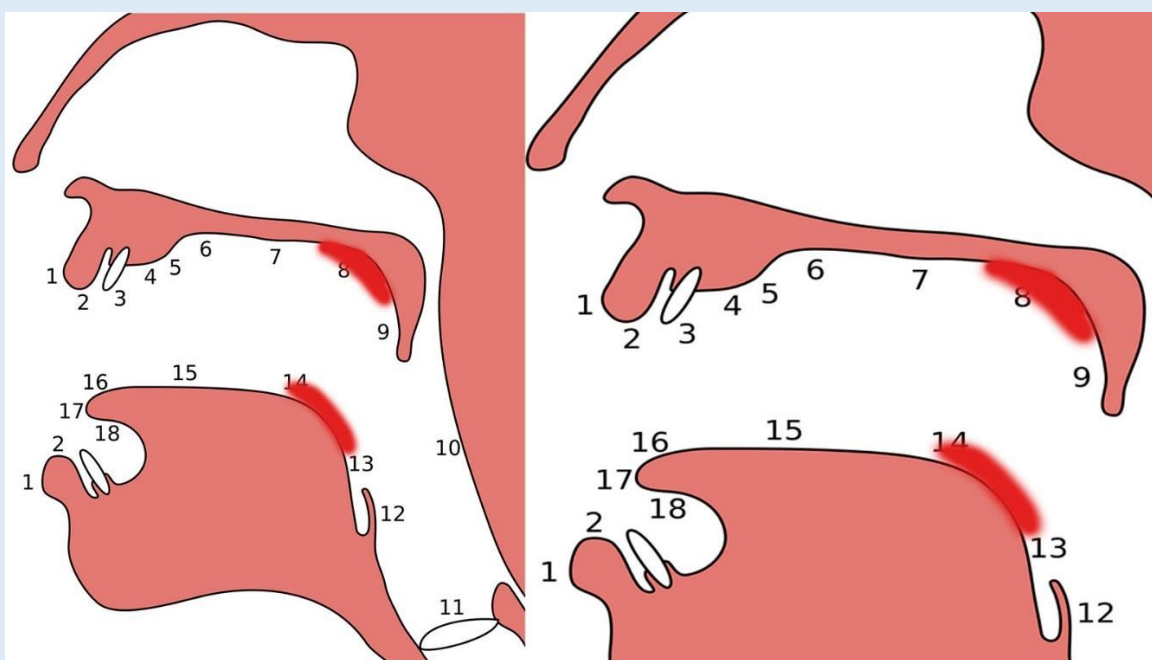
## PART 02 INITIAL CONSONANTS: ng, nh, /k/

### 1. Initial consonants: ng - nh

- **ng** is a velar voiced stop nasal consonant.

In the production of this consonant, the tongue blade is moving backwards, and the back of the tongue touches the velum, which is lowered to allow air to escape through the nasal cavity.

Please look at the photo. When **ng** is pronounced, the red parts touch each other.



e.g

*nghi*

*ngê*

*nghe*

*ngu*

*ngo*

*ngô*

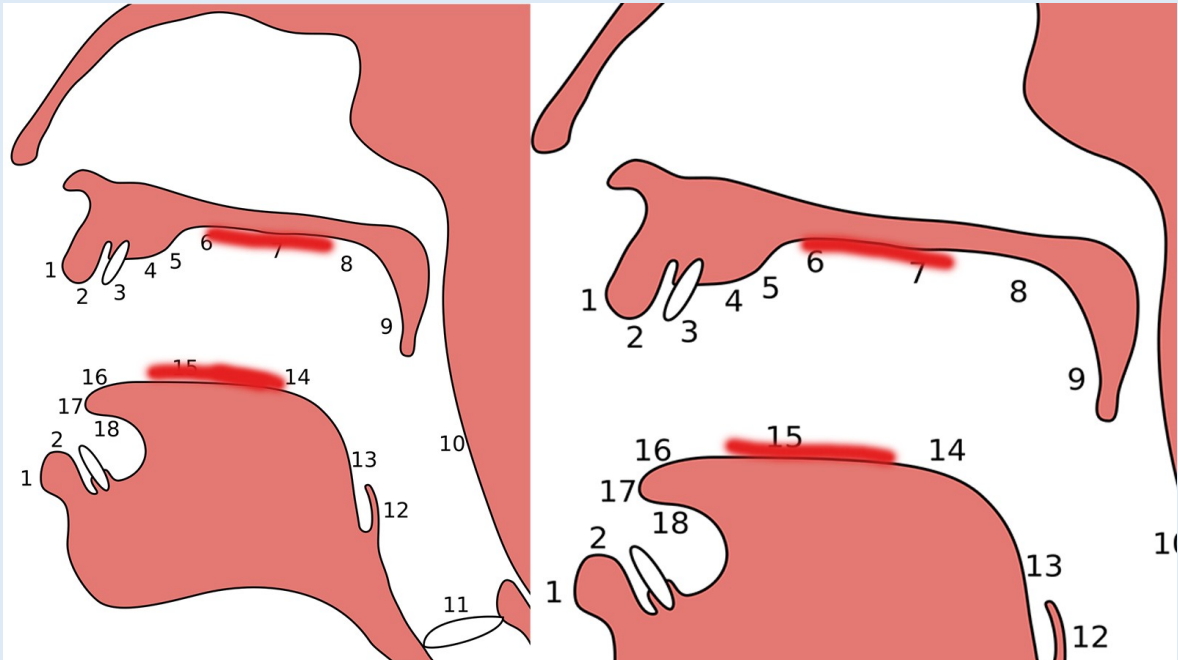
#### Spelling:

The sound [ŋ] is written as **ngh** before **i, ê, e** (*nghi, nghe, ngê*)

The sound [ŋ] is written as **ng** before **other vowels** (*ngu, ngo, ngô*)

- **nh** is created with the tip of the tongue being lowered toward the lower teeth. Then front of the tongue rises toward the hard palate and touch it.

Please look at the photo. When **nh** is pronounced, the red parts touch each other.



➤ This sound exists in Spanish, in the word *nino*

**e.g**

*nhi*      *nhe*      *nhê*      *nhu*      *nhô*      *nho*

**Let's compare: nh and ng/ngh**

**e.g**

<b>nh</b>	<i>nhi</i>	<i>nhe</i>	<i>nhê</i>	<i>nhu</i>	<i>nho</i>	<i>nhô</i>
<b>ng</b>	<i>nghi</i>	<i>nghe</i>	<i>ngê</i>	<i>ngu</i>	<i>ngo</i>	<i>ngô</i>

## 2. Initial consonants: /k/

➤ **/k/** - similar to English **k**. However, when Vietnamese **k** is pronounced, there is much less air released from the mouth than when English **k** is produced

**e.g**

<i>co</i>	<i>cô</i>	<i>cu</i>
<i>ki</i>	<i>ke</i>	<i>kê</i>

- Spelling: The sound /k/ appears:
  - As **k** when followed by **i/y, e, ê** **e.g**    *ki, ke, kê*
  - As **c** when followed by **other vowels** **e.g**    *cô, co, cu*

### 3. Practice

➤ **Multiple choice:**

Choose the sound you hear

1	<i>nhi</i>	<i>nghi</i>	<i>ki</i>
2	<i>nho</i>	<i>ngo</i>	<i>co</i>
3	<i>nghe</i>	<i>nhe</i>	<i>ke</i>
4	<i>nhê</i>	<i>nghe</i>	<i>kê</i>
5	<i>ngu</i>	<i>nhu</i>	<i>cu</i>

## PART 03 TONES : Sắc – Hỏi

### 1. Dấu sắc (high-rising tone)

The **high-rising tone** , which is called “ **dấu sắc**”, starts a little higher than the mid-level tone, then approximately in the middle of the syllable, the voice sharply rises.

e.g

*bó - bổ - bú      mó - mỗ - mú      ngó - ngỗ - ngú      có - cố - cú*  
*đó - đố - đú      nó - nố - nú      nhỏ - nhố - nhú*

### 2. Dấu hỏi (low-falling-rising tone)

**Low-falling-rising tone** starts at about the beginning point of the low-falling tone and drops rather abruptly, then is followed by a sweeping rise at the end of the syllable. It is symbolized by an accent made of **the top part of a question mark**, which is called in Vietnamese “ **dấu hỏi**”

e.g

*bỏ - bở - bử      mỏ - mở - mử      ngỏ - ngở - ngử      cỏ - cở - cử*  
*đỏ - đở - đử      nỏ - nở - nử      nhỏ - nhở - nhử*

### 3. Practice

#### ➤ Listen and repeat

Compare **dấu sắc** and **dấu hỏi**

e.g

<i>bó – bổ</i>	<i>bú – bử</i>
<i>mó – mỗ</i>	<i>mú – mử</i>
<i>nó – nỏ</i>	<i>nú – nử</i>
<i>đó – đở</i>	<i>đú – đử</i>
<i>ngó – ngỏ</i>	<i>ngú – ngử</i>

*nhó – nhỏ*

*nhú – nhủ*

*có – cỏ*

*cú – củ*

➤ **Multiple Choice:**

Choose the sound you hear

1	<i>bó</i>	<i>bỏ</i>	<i>bò</i>	<i>bo</i>
2	<i>đú</i>	<i>đu</i>	<i>đù</i>	<i>đủ</i>
3	<i>cô</i>	<i>cố</i>	<i>cổ</i>	<i>cờ</i>
4	<i>nhó</i>	<i>nhỏ</i>	<i>nho</i>	<i>nhò</i>
5	<i>nu</i>	<i>nú</i>	<i>nú</i>	<i>nù</i>

## UNIT 2 REVIEW

➤ Listen and repeat:

1)	<i>u</i>	<i>cu</i>	<i>ngu</i>	<i>nhu</i>		
	<i>ô</i>	<i>cô</i>	<i>ngô</i>	<i>nhô</i>		
	<i>o</i>	<i>co</i>	<i>ngo</i>	<i>nho</i>		

2)	<i>nhu</i>	<i>nhù</i>	<i>nhú</i>	<i>nhụ</i>		
	<i>nhô</i>	<i>nhồ</i>	<i>nhố</i>	<i>nhở</i>		
	<i>nho</i>	<i>nhò</i>	<i>nhó</i>	<i>nhỏ</i>		

3)	<i>ki</i>	<i>kê</i>	<i>ke</i>	<i>cu</i>	<i>cô</i>	<i>co</i>
	<i>nhi</i>	<i>nhê</i>	<i>nhe</i>	<i>nhu</i>	<i>nhô</i>	<i>nho</i>
	<i>nghi</i>	<i>ngê</i>	<i>nghe</i>	<i>ngu</i>	<i>ngô</i>	<i>ngo</i>

## UNIT 2 TEST

I. Choose the sound you hear

1	<i>bố</i>	<i>bỗ</i>	<i>bó</i>	<i>bỏ</i>
2	<i>nú</i>	<i>mủ</i>	<i>ngú</i>	<i>nhu</i>
3	<i>cổ</i>	<i>cỏ</i>	<i>có</i>	<i>cố</i>
4	<i>nghe</i>	<i>nhe</i>	<i>nghe</i>	<i>nhé</i>
5	<i>nhỏ</i>	<i>ngổ</i>	<i>ngổ</i>	<i>nhố</i>

II. Listen and choose True/ False.

6	Hãy lắng <b>nhe</b> tiếng xe cộ	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F
7	Chú bé ní <b>nhỏ</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F



<b>8</b>	Con <b>nghe</b> còn nhỏ quá.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<b>9</b>	Cây <b>cỏ</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<b>10</b>	Con <b>cù</b> có gai.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F

### III. Listen and choose the sound you hear

11. Cái \_\_\_\_\_

- A. tử                      B. tù                      C. tú                      D. tu

12. \_\_\_\_\_ bé.

- A. nhò                      B. nhó                      C. nho                      D. nhỏ

13. \_\_\_\_ đi

- A. ngu                      B. ngú                      C. ngù                      D. ngủ

14. \_\_\_\_\_ khoai

- A. cu                      B. củ                      C. cù                      D. cú

15. \_\_\_\_\_ cỏ

- A. nhổ                      B. nhồ                      C. nhố                      D. nhô