English consonant allophones - plosives

1. Voiceless plosives (p t k) are aspirated (i.e. followed by an extra puff of air) when they at the beginning of a stressed syllable.
   Diacritic: [pʰ] pit [pʰɪt] top caught potato [pəˈtʰeɪtəʊ]

2. Voiceless plosives (p t k) are unaspirated after /s/. span stew skin

3. Voiced plosives (and all obstruents) are fully voiced when they appear in voiced contexts (between voiced sounds).
   ladder ['lædə] eager

4. Voiced plosives (b d g) are partially devoiced if next to a voiceless obstruent or a pause. This process is obligatory both inside words and across word boundaries.
   Diacritic: [b̥] bud big car [bɪg kʰɑː] website ['web saɪt] this day [ðɪs deɪ]

5. Plosives have no plosion (are unexploded or have no audible release): Diacritic: [stʌb̚d]
   - in final position, e.g. map [mæp̚] mat [mæt̚] robe [rəʊb̚]
   - before a plosive or an affricate, e.g. stopped dubbed scripture [skrɪp̚tʃə]
     big car [bɪg̚ kʰɑː] good job [gʊd̚ dʒɒb̚]
   - in clusters of three plosives - the central one has no audible release, e.g. wept bitterly [wɛp̚t ˈbɪt̚əli]

6. Plosive have a nasal plosion before nasals.
   Diacritic: ['bʌtⁿn̩] sudden [sʌdⁿn̩] submit [səbᵐmɪt] a bit nicer [ə bɪtⁿ naɪs]

7. Plosive have a lateral plosion before /l/
   Diacritic: ['lɪtˡl̩] subtle [sʌtˡl̩] good luck [gʊdˡ lʌk]

8. In many accents of English, syllable final /p, t, k/ are accompanied by a glottal stop (are glottally reinforced).
   tip pit [pɪʔt] kick

9. In some accents /t/ is replaced by a glottal stop (usually intervocalic or followed by a nasal sound):
   beaten [biːʔn] butter [bʌʔə] better [beʔə]

10. Alveolar plosives become dental before dental consonants
    Diacritic [wɪd̪θ] eighth [eɪtθ] tenth wealth

11. Velar plosives /k, g/ are advanced when in the neighbourhood of a front vowel.
    Diacritic: [k̟iː] keen [kʰiːtˀ] [gʲiːzə]

12. Alveolar plosives /t, d/ are retracted when before post-alveolar and palato-alveolar sounds.
    Diacritic: [tɹaɪ] dry [d̠ɹaɪ] cold rain that chair [ðæt̠ʃeə] can't join [kʰɑ̃ːnt̠ dʒɔ̃ɪn]

13. Bilabial plosives /p, b/ are labiodental before labiodental sounds: obvious [ɒbvɪəs]

14. Lip rounding [tʰʷuː]

15. Lip spreading [tʰʲiː]

homorganic sounds: with the same place and manner of articulation, but different voicing,
e.g. top boy white dog big car

two similar sounds next to each other

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