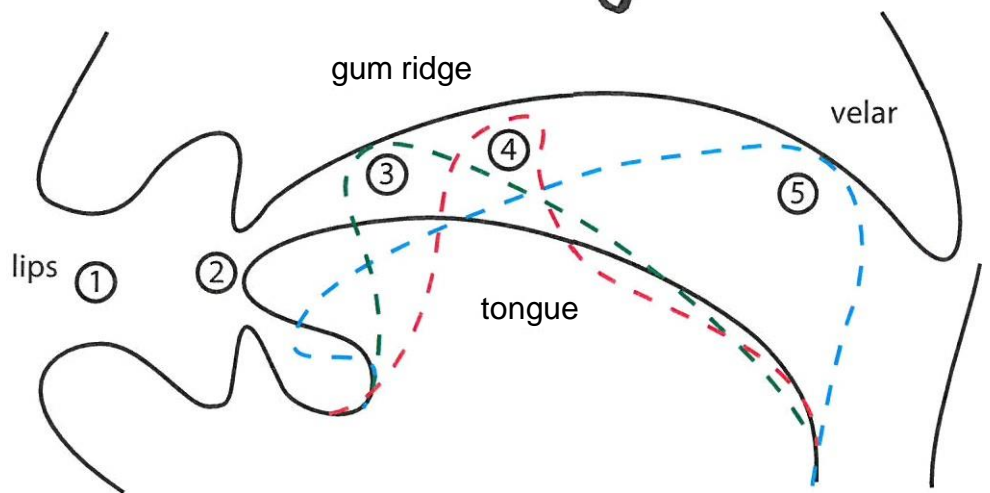


The letters used for the speech sounds of Noongar

DIAGRAM OF THE MOUTH showing movement of the tongue and lips



	Labial	Dental	Alveolar	Retroflex	Velar
Airstream from the lungs is:	1 Lip sounds	2 Tongue tip against teeth	3 Tongue tip to gum ridge	4 Tongue tip back	5 Back of tongue to velum
Stopped by the lips or tongue	b- * -p	dj- -tj	d- -t	-rd- -rt	k- -k
By-passed through the nose	m	ny	n	+ -rn-	ng
Escapes over the sides of the tongue		+ -ly-	l	+ -rl-	
Passes over centre of the tongue				r	
Passes freely through the mouth	w		y		
Vowels	a aa	e	i	o	oo

*Note. Although there are two letters in each square they both stand for the same sound. In writing the letter with the hyphen after it (eg b-) is used at the beginning or the middle of words. The one with the hyphen in front (eg -p) is used at the end of words only. '

+Note: The sounds only occur in the middle or end of words

• Note: aa' has been added and 'rr' deleted in the Whitehurst version of the Douglas orthography