Modelling Phonemes

Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**a**/. My mouth is open really wide and I'm making a lot of noise.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**b**/. My lips go together then pop open. It's a bit like saying /p/ but my voice is turned on.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**c**/**k**/. I'm making the sound right at the back of my mouth and if I put my hand in front of my mouth, I can feel air coming out.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**d**/. My tongue is behind my top teeth and moves down when I say the sound. It's like making the /t/ sound but my voice is turned on.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**e**/. My mouth is open a little and the corners of my mouth are stretched back. It almost looks as though I'm smiling.
Look what my mouth is doing when I say **/f**/. My teeth are resting on the bottom lip and I make the sound by pushing air between my teeth.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**g**/. My mouth is open and I'm making the sound right back in my throat. If I put my fingers on my throat I can feel the sound.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**h**/. My mouth is open and I push air out of my throat. I'm hardly making any noise at all.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**i**/. My mouth is only a tiny bit open and I'm pulling back the corners of my mouth to stretch it wide. It sounds a bit like a mouse squeaking.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**j**/. My lips stick out a little, my tongue is touching the top of my mouth and it moves away as I say the sound.
Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**l**/. My tongue moves back and the tip of my tongue touches the roof of my mouth as I make the sound from my throat.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**m**/. My lips are together and it sounds like I'm humming.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**n**/. My tongue is behind my top teeth as though I was going to make a /d/ sound except that this time, my tongue doesn't move. It's like I'm sending out the sound through my nose.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**o**/. My mouth is open and my chin drops down slightly.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**p**/. My lips are touching very quickly and lightly and I'm blowing air out of my mouth. My voice stays switched off.
Look what my mouth is doing when I say '**qu**'. It isn't actually a new sound. To start with, I'm making the sound /k/ and then I'm making a /w/ sound.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**r**/. The front of my tongue lifts up and I sound like a car going fast.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**s**/. My teeth are together but my mouth isn't shut. The air comes out through the little gaps in my teeth.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**t/.** My tongue is behind my top teeth and when I say the sound a little burst of air comes out of my mouth.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**u**/. My mouth is a little bit open and I just have to push some air out and turn my voice on to make the sound. This is quite a loud sound.
Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**v**/. My teeth are touching the inside of my bottom lip and I make the sound by pushing air between my teeth as I make a humming noise.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**w**/. My lips make a little circle then they open up as I say the sound.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**x**/. It isn't actually a new sound. To start with I'm making the sound /k/ and then it turns into a /s/ sound. Although we're making two sounds, we're saying them very close together.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**y**/. My mouth is open just a little and my tongue moves up so that the sides of it touch my top teeth as I say the sound. My mouth opens a little more at the end of the sound.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**z**/. My teeth are almost together (but not touching) and my tongue is at the front of my mouth. I push air through my teeth and it makes a buzzing sound.
Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**ch**/. My lips stick out a bit, my teeth are nearly together to begin with but I open them up as I make the sound.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**sh**/. My ips are slightly rounded and I'm pushing air through my teeth. My voice is turned off. It sounds like the sound I make when I want you to be quiet.	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**th**/. I put my tongue between my teeth and push air out of the space between them. Some words have the voice turned off and some words have the voice turned on. (Demonstrate the difference.)	Look what my mouth is doing when I say /**ng**/. It's a humming noise in the back of my throat. You make this humming sound with your mouth open.	