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Vowels

-A vowel is produced with a relatively free flow of air. They are voiced.

-Vowels have four positions: front, back, high and low areas. for example, the pronunciation of <u>heat</u> and <u>hit</u> have a high front vowels because the sound is made with the front part of the tongue in a raised position. On the other, the vowel in <u>hat</u> is produced with the tongue in lower position and the sound in <u>hot</u> can be described as a low – back vowel.

-A vowel is a speech sound in which the mouth is open and the tongue is not touching the top of the mouth, the teeth.

-Vowel is a speech sound produced by humans when the breath flows out through the mouth without being blocked by teeth, tongue, or lips.

-The position of the highest point of the tongue is considered to be the point of articulation of the vowel.

Vowels

e

(mid, front, unrounded, example: lake)

i

(high, front, unrounded, example: reap)

0

(mid, back, rounded, example: oar)

u

(high, back, rounded, example: poop)

Diphthongs

-Diphthong is a combination of two adjacent vowel sounds within the same syllable.

-There are eight diphthongs commonly used in English:

/ei/, /ai/, /əʊ/, /aʊ/, /oi/, /iə/, /eə/, and /ʊə/.

For example, the phrase (no highway cowboys) /nou haiwei kauboiz/ has five distinct diphthongs, one in every syllable.

-Words such as Hi or Bye have two vowel sounds and the movement of these diphthongs is from low towards high front.

-Standard English (RP Received Pronunciation) has 44 phonemes (speech sounds):

-Consonant 24

-Vowels 12

-Diphthongs 8

Vowel sounds

-5 long vowels

e.g., bean, barn, born, boon, burn

-7 short vowels

e.g., pit, pet, pat, putt, pot, put, another

-8 diphthongs

e.g., bay, buy, boy, no, now, pair, poor