



PHONETICS



What is Phonetics?

- Phonetics (from the **Greek** word phone = sound/voice) is the study of **speech sounds (voice)** as uttered by human beings.
- It serves as a foundation to study an accent because it helps us to understand the sounds of the consonants and the vowels.



What is Pronunciation?

Pronunciation is the act or manner of speaking words in a way that is accepted or generally understood.



What is Accent?

- Accent is a combination of 3 main components:
 - Intonation – *speech music*
 - Liaisons – *word connections*
 - Pronunciation – *spoken sounds of vowels, consonants, and combinations*



Consonant Sound

- Consonants are speech sounds.
- In the production of these sounds, the air stream is partially or fully obstructed by constrictions of the speech organs.

Consonant Sounds

Consonant Sounds
P,B
T,D
K,G
F,V
H
Th(s)
Th(h)
S,Z
Sh, Zh
L
R
Y

Aspirated Sounds

- To aspirate means to follow a consonant sound with a puff of air that is clearly audible before the next sound begins.

As in **p**it and **k**it



Aspirated Sounds

Some of the aspirated sounds are:

P as in **P**rocess



K as in **K**odak

C as in **C**ustomer



T as in **T**echnical



Q as in **Q**uiet



Silent Consonants-Exercise

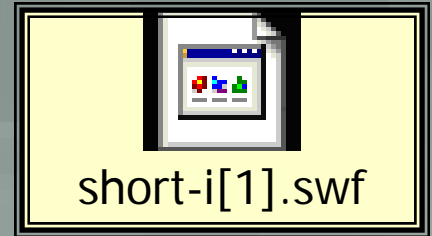
- See you on Wednesday.
- The honors ceremony lasted an hour.
- Shall we walk and talk?
- I love the Hawaiian Islands!
- We ate gourmet food at the buffet.
- Write two answers.
- Listen carefully.
- I often go out for a walk.



Vowel Sounds

Vowel sounds are produced when there is a free flow of air from the lungs through the mouth cavity, with no obstruction.

Short "I" Sound



- The "I" sound is most often confused with "ee". This is a short sound.

"I" sound as in Pin



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