

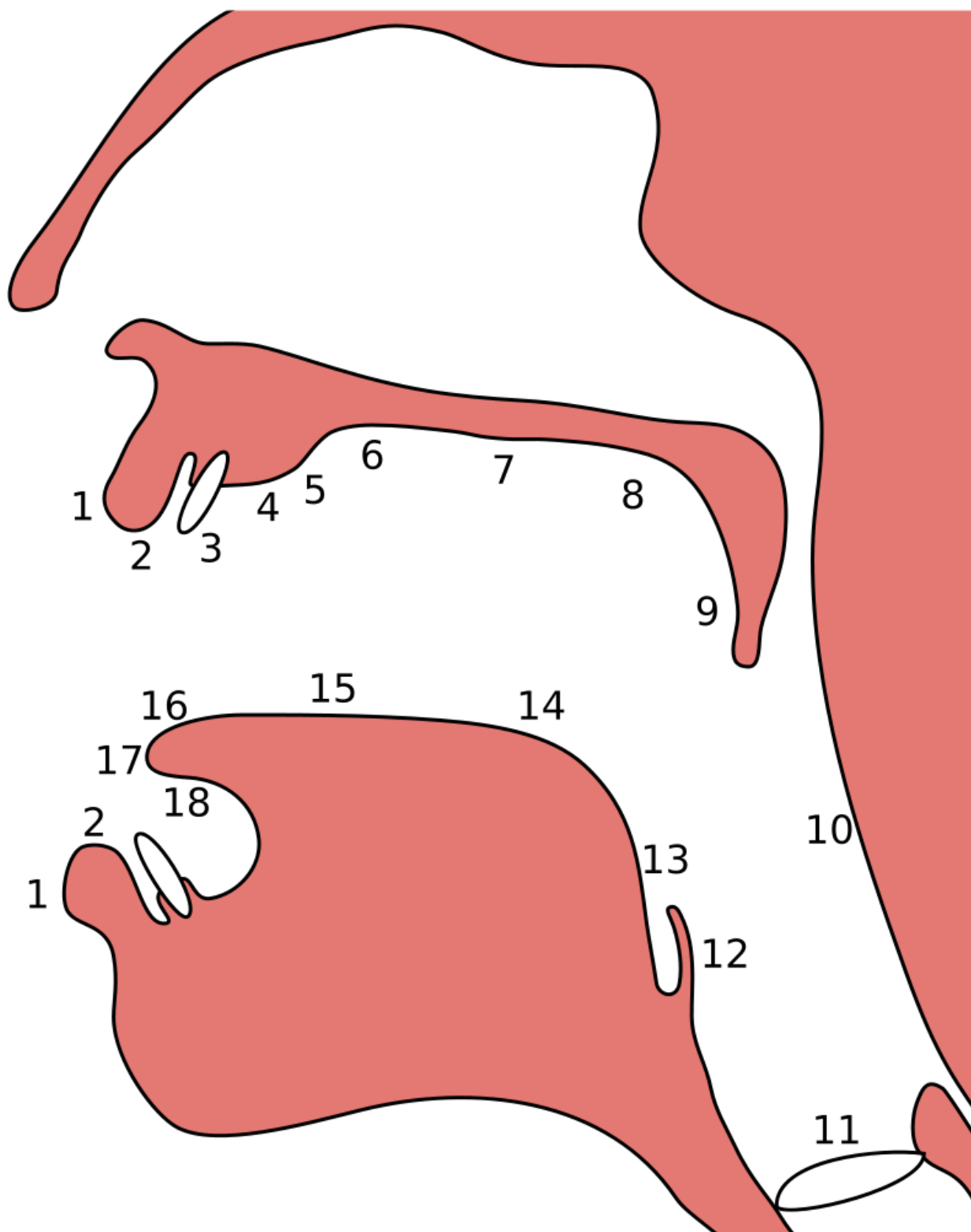
Lesson 1: Foundation

pronunciation		

This lesson:

1. Consonant Overview
2. Vowel Overview
3. Schwa and Rhythm

Before we start the Consonant Overview, we first need to ask - what is the difference between a consonant and a vowel?



Consonant Overview

1. What is the difference between **/b/** and **/d/**?

2. What is the difference between **/b/** and **/m/**?

3. What is the difference between **/s/** and **/z/**?
 - a. Where on the numbered diagram does this difference happen?

 - b. Which other sounds have the same pattern as **/s/** and **/z/**?

4. Where in the mouth would you make:

p b			
t d		m	
k g		n	
		ŋ	
f v			
θ ð		l	
s z		r	
ʃ ʒ		j	
		w	
tʃ dʒ			

5. Now add these to the mouth diagram.

6. Let's practise all the consonant sounds.

pi:

i:pi:

i:p

da:

a:da:

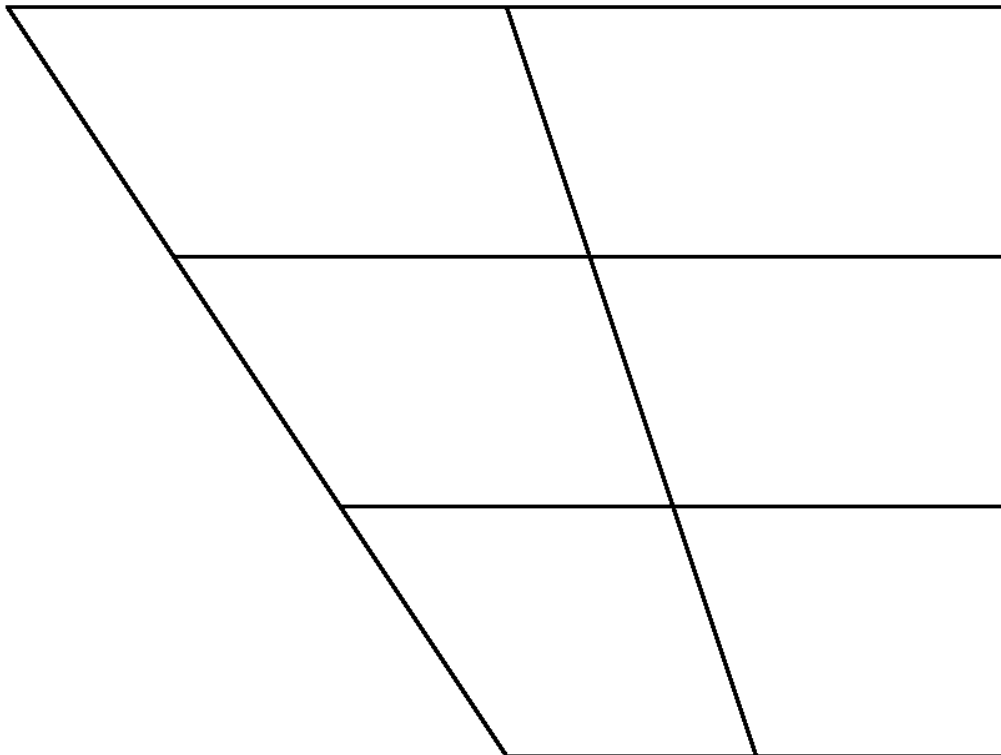
a:d

7. Where do you make the consonants of your first language?

Vowel Overview

1. What is the difference between /i:/ and /a:/?

2. What is the difference between /i:/ and /u:/?



3. Now add the other long vowels /ɜ:/ and /ɔ:/ to the **vowel grid**.

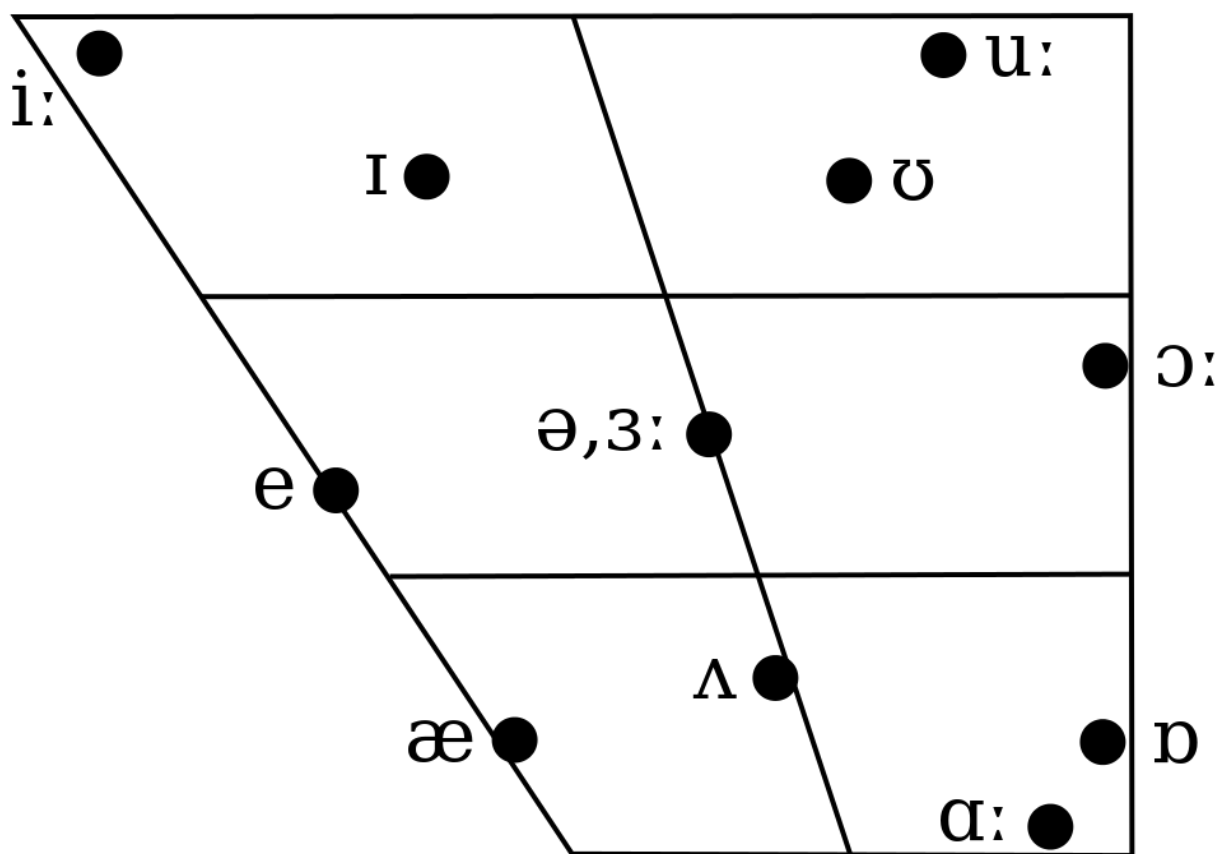
4. Now add the short vowels to the diagram:

ɪ e æ ə ʌ ʊ ɒ

5. What do you think happens in the mouth when you make diphthongs like /eɪ/?

6. Let's practise all the vowels and feel their relationship to each other.

7. Choose a vowel from your first language which we don't use in English. Where do you think it would go on the grid? You can Google "Russian/Japanese/Spanish vowel grid" to check.



Schwa and Rhythm

1. A quick recap on **syllables** and **stress**:

Syllables	Stress
mat match matching matched	banana excellent allow paper

2. What do you remember about the **schwa** and its relationship to **stress**?

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3. Where is the schwa in these words?

policeman	forget	doctor	professional
government	parliament	purple	

4. Where is the schwa in these words?

family	event	delete
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5. The schwa is the most common weak vowel, but there are other weak vowels:

1	/ɪ/ which is the short form of /i:/	happy lucky family
2	/ʊ/ which is the short form of /u:/	you and I (in quick speech)
3	/ɪ/	family event delete
4	and I also think /ʊ/ even if in some textbooks it isn't counted	accurate

The sounds of _____ and _____ are pretty much fixed.

The sounds of _____ and _____ can merge with **/ə/** quite easily and it doesn't really matter which one comes out, as long as it is a quick, weak vowel!

6. You've seen the schwa in single words - now what about the schwa in whole phrases?

Say these sentences out loud and decide which words to stress and where to use the schwa:

a. I went to the park.

b. She ate a bit of cake.

c. It's for the kids.

d. Do they like fish and chips?

7. What type of words use the schwa in these sentences?

8. What type of words are stressed in these sentences?

9. Practise these phrases, which have been rewritten to help you use the schwa and other weak vowels:

How are you?	How Howə Howə you?
What are you doing?	What Whatə Whatə yu Whatə yu doing? Whatchu doing? Whatchə doing?
Where are you going?	Wher- Whereə Whereə yu Whereə yu going?
I went to the bank.	bank. th'bank. t'th'bank. I went t'th'bank.
It's for the team.	team. th'team. f'th'team. It's f'th'team.
There are lots of cars.	Th' Th'rə Th'rə lots Th'rə lots'f Th'rə lots'f cars.
There was lots of noise.	Th' Th'w's

	Th'w's lots Th'w's lots'f Th'w's lots'f noise.
I forgot to delete the files.	I f'got
The train from Oxford was delayed.	Th' Th'train Th'train fr'm Th'train fr'm Oxf'd Th'train fr'm Oxf'd w's Th'train fr'm Oxf'd w's d'layed.
Shall we go?	Sh'll Sh'll wi Sh'll wi go? Sh' Sh'wi Sh'wi go?
Could you help me please?	C'd C'dyu C'dyu help C'dyu help mi C'dyu help mi please?
Would you like a coffee?	