

On English Phonetics

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to give a complete guide to English phonetics for students of English Department and those interested in this field. It is to deal with the definitions of basic terms in phonetics, starting with the definition of Phonetics, Phonology, Lexis, Grammar, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Dialectology, Psycholinguistics, Sociolinguistics, Communication and Writing. After defining the basic terminology, we shall proceed with speech mechanism. There are three stages of speech production: the production of speech sounds (lungs, trachea, larynx, vocal folds, and pharynx), the transmission of the sounds and the reception of the sounds.

The next, we are to discuss is Description and Classification of Speech Sounds, where two types of speech sounds can be distinguished: consonants and vowels. We shall give a full description of English vowels and diphthongs, presented on the Cardinal Vowel scale. Each definition shall be supported by plenty of examples.