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First Year Level

Syllabus of Phonetics

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First Semester

Introduction to phonetics

Definition of Phonetics

 1. Types of Phonetics

1.1. Articulatory phonetics

1.2. Acoustic Phonetics

1.3. Auditory Phonetics

2. Identification of English sounds

2.1. Speech Organs

2.2. The Alveolar Ridge

2.3. The Hard Palate

2.4. The Velum

2.5. The Uvula

2.6. The Vocal Tract

2.7. The Epiglottis

2.8. The Glottis

2.9. The Larynx

2.10. The Vocal Folds (cords)

2.11. Active and Passive Articulators

3. Parts of the Tongue

3.1. The Tip

3.2. The Blade

3.3. The Front of the Tongue

3.4. The Back of the Tongue

4. The Resonating Cavities

4.1. The Pharynx, the pharyngeal cavity

4.2. The Oral Cavity

4.3. The Trachea

5. How Sounds are produced

6. Description and Classification of Consonant Sound

6.1. Definition of Consonants

6.2. Place of Articulation

6.3. Manner of Articulation

6.4. Voicing

6.5. Force of Articulation

7. Describing the Place of Articulation of Consonant Sound

7.1. Bilabials

7.2. Labio-dentals

7.3. Dentals

7.4. Alveolar Sounds

7.5. Post-alveolar Sounds

7.6. Palato-alveolar Sounds

7.7. Palatal Sounds

7.8. Velar Sounds

7.9. Glottal Sounds

8. Describing the Manner of Articulation of Consonant Sound

 8.1. Plosives

8.2. Fricatives

8.3. Affricates

8.4. Nasals

8.5. Lateral Sounds

8.6. Approximants

9. The State of the Glottis: Voicing (Voiced/Voiceless/ Devoiced Sounds)