

Front Vowels

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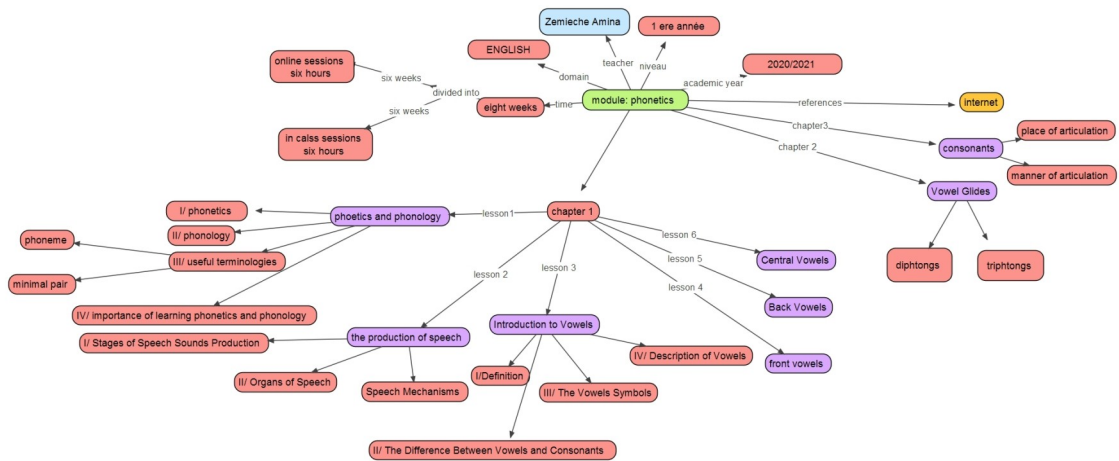


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Objectifs

By the end of this chapter, learners will demonstrate the ability of distinguishing front vowels from the other types of vowels, pronouncing English words containing front vowels in the right way, transcribing phonetically words containing front vowels, and writing precise descriptions about all the English front vowels.

Introduction



pré-requis

Learners should be able to locate the vowels on the vowel chart and they should know the different parts of the tongue involved in the production of each vowel, they should have memorised the vowels' symbols.

Exercice



[Solution n°1 p 33]

which of the following are front vowels

/a:/

/ D/

/ i: /

/I/

/e /

Describing the production of / i: /



/ i: / is a front, close, long vowel. During its articulation

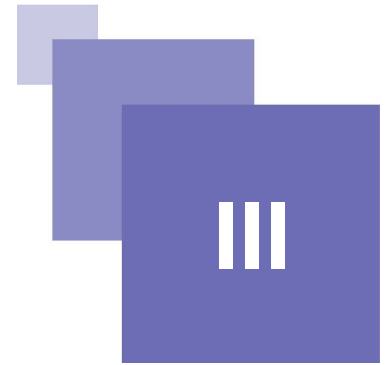
The soft palate is raised.

- The lips are spread.
- The front of the tongue is raised.
- The side rims of the tongue make firm contact with the upper molars.

The front, close, long vowel / i:/ appears with different spellings in words like

Feet	Leave	Piece	Receive	Complete	Police	Key
Teeth	Team	Field	Conceive	These	Machine	
Bee	Please	Belief		concede		
Sheep	Sea					
See	Reason					
Cheese						
Tree						

Describing the Production of /ɪ/



It is a front, half-close, short vowel. During its articulation

- The soft palate is raised.
- The lips are slightly spread.
- The tongue is raised between the close and half-close positions and is near to the centre.
- The rims of the tongue make a slight contact with the upper molars.
- The front, half-close, short vowel /ɪ/ is found in words like

i	y	e	a	ui
Sit	Rhythm	Needed	Village	Guilt
With	Symbol	Pretty	Private	Build
Minute	City	Prefer	Message	
Bin			Sunday (and	
Ship			days of the	
			week)	

to watch the video click *here*¹

1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxQUapA-2w4>

Description of the Vowel /e/

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During the articulation of this vowel which is identified as a front, half-close, short vowel

The soft palate is raised.

The lips are slightly spread or neutrally open.

The front of the tongue is raised between the half-close and half-open positions. The tongue has more tension than with /ɪ/

The side rims make a slight contact with the upper molars.

The vowel /e/ can be heard in words like:

Bed	Head	Many	Again	LEICESTER	friend	guest
West	Dead	very	Said			
Went	Pleasure					
Set	Spread					
Let						

Description of the Short Vowel /æ /



This vowel is identified as a front, half-open, short vowel. During its production

The soft palate is raised.

The lips are neutrally open.

The front of the tongue is raised between the half-open and open positions.

The side rims make a very slight contact with the back upper molars.

This vowel /æ / can be heard in words like

Cat	Bath	Plaid
Bag	Hat	
Catch	Bad	
Bat	Than	
Gas	Lad	
Pat	Latter	

Exercice

VI

[Solution n°2 p 33]

Describe the vowel /i :/

Exercise

VII

[Solution n°3 p 33]

which from the following include the vowel sound /æ /.

cat

cut

but

bat

men

man

Exercice

VIII

[Solution n°4 p 33]

which words include front vowels

- play, do, go, gut, class
- read, sit, sad, bet, seem
- good, fur, shame, pool, viber

Exercice : post test



IX

[Solution n°5 p 33]

_____ vowels are sounds in which the main _____ is made by the centre of the tongue toward the _____ palate.

Exercice



XI

[Solution n°7 p 34]

/I/ is described as a front, , short vowel. During its articulation:

- The soft palate is .
- The lips are .
- The tongue is raised and is near to the .

The rims of the tongue make a contact with the upper molars.

Exercice : transcribe



XII

[Solution n°8 p 34]

believe, sand, send, pet, silly

Solution des exercices

> Solution n°1 (exercice p. 9)

/a:/

/D/

/i:/

/I/

/e/

> Solution n°2 (exercice p. 19)

/i:/ is a front, close, long vowel.

> Solution n°3 (exercice p. 21)

cat

cut

but

bat

men

man

> Solution n°4 (exercice p. 23)

play, do, go, gut, class

read, sit, sad, bet, seem

good, fur, shame, pool, viber

> Solution n°5 (exercice p. 25)

Central vowels are sounds in which the main raising is made by the centre of the tongue

Solution des exercices

toward the hard palate.

> **Solution n°6** (*exercice p. 27*)

In the vowel Quadrilateral chart, phoneticians represent the parts of the tongue that are involved when articulating vowels as well as the degrees of its raising. In addition, the position and shape of the lips are also represented in this chart.

> **Solution n°7** (*exercice p. 29*)

/I/ is described as a front, half-close, short vowel. During its articulation:

- The soft palate is raised.
- The lips are slightly spread.
- The tongue is raised between the close and half-close positions and is near to the centre.

The rims of the tongue make a slight contact with the upper molars.

> **Solution n°8** (*exercice p. 31*)

/bili : v/, /sænd/, /send/, pet/, /sili/