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Chapter 1: The Sounds of American English

American English Vowels

American English has a total of 26 vowel sounds. These sounds are produced by the vibration of the vocal cords and the shaping of the vocal tract. The shape of the vocal tract is determined by the position of the tongue, lips, and jaw.

The 26 vowel sounds of American English can be divided into two main categories: monophthongs and diphthongs. Monophthongs are vowel sounds that are produced with a single, steady position of the vocal tract. Diphthongs are vowel sounds that are produced with a gliding movement of the vocal tract.

The following are the 12 monophthong vowel sounds of American English:

- /i/ as in "beat"

- /ɪ/ as in "bit"
- /e/ as in "bait"
- /ɛ/ as in "bet"
- /æ/ as in "bat"
- /ɑ/ as in "bought"
- /ɔ/ as in "boat"
- /o/ as in "boat"
- /u/ as in "boot"
- /ʊ/ as in "put"
- /ʌ/ as in "but"
- /ə/ as in "sofa"

The following are the 14 diphthong vowel sounds of American English:

- /aɪ/ as in "bite"
- /aʊ/ as in "bout"
- /ɔɪ/ as in "boy"
- /oʊ/ as in "boat"
- /ɛə/ as in "bear"

- /ɪər/ as in "beer"
- /ʊər/ as in "tour"
- /ɛər/ as in "pair"
- /ɔər/ as in "poor"
- /ɑr/ as in "car"
- /ɪr/ as in "fir"
- /ʊr/ as in "fur"
- /ɑ:r/ as in "bar"
- /ɔ:r/ as in "more"

The vowel sounds of American English can be difficult for non-native speakers to produce correctly. However, with practice, it is possible to master the pronunciation of these sounds.

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American English Diphthongs

Diphthongs are sounds that are produced by gliding from one vowel sound to another. In American English, there are 12 diphthongs: /eɪ/, /aɪ/, /ɔɪ/, /oʊ/, /ɛər/, /ɪər/, /ɑːr/, /iːr/, /uːr/, /eər/, /ɔər/, and /aʊ/.

Diphthongs are used in a variety of words, including:

- **eɪ:** eight, weight, neighbor
- **aɪ:** aisle, ice, pie
- **ɔɪ:** oil, boy, coin
- **oʊ:** old, boat, home
- **ɛər:** air, hair, fair
- **ɪər:** ear, here, queer
- **ɑːr:** car, far, star
- **iːr:** beer, fear, deer
- **uːr:** tour, sure, poor

- **eər:** care, hair, fair
- **ɔər:** door, floor, more
- **aʊ:** out, house, loud

Diphthongs can be tricky for non-native speakers to pronounce correctly. One of the most common mistakes is to pronounce the diphthong as two separate vowel sounds. For example, the diphthong /eɪ/ in the word "eight" should be pronounced as a single sound, not as "ee-i".

Another common mistake is to pronounce the diphthong with the wrong vowel sounds. For example, the diphthong /aɪ/ in the word "ice" should be pronounced with the vowel sounds "ah" and "ee", not "eye" and "ee".

If you are having trouble pronouncing American English diphthongs, there are a few things you can do to practice. First, try listening to native speakers and paying attention to how they pronounce the diphthongs. You can also try practicing pronouncing

the diphthongs yourself. Finally, there are a number of online resources that can help you learn how to pronounce American English diphthongs correctly.

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American English Consonants

American English has 24 consonant sounds. These sounds are produced by obstructing the airflow from the lungs in some way. The consonants are divided into two groups: voiced and voiceless. Voiced consonants are produced with the vocal cords vibrating, while voiceless consonants are produced without the vocal cords vibrating.

The following are the voiceless consonants of American English:

- /p/ as in "pat"
- /t/ as in "ten"
- /k/ as in "cat"
- /f/ as in "fat"
- /θ/ as in "thin"

- /s/ as in "sit"
- /ʃ/ as in "ship"
- /h/ as in "hat"

The following are the voiced consonants of American English:

- /b/ as in "bat"
- /d/ as in "dog"
- /g/ as in "go"
- /v/ as in "van"
- /ð/ as in "this"
- /z/ as in "zoo"
- /ʒ/ as in "measure"
- /l/ as in "love"
- /r/ as in "run"
- /w/ as in "wet"
- /j/ as in "yes"

Consonants can be further classified according to their place of articulation. The place of articulation is the

part of the mouth where the consonant sound is produced. The following are the different places of articulation:

- Bilabial: produced with both lips
- Labiodental: produced with the lower lip and upper teeth
- Dental: produced with the tongue and upper teeth
- Alveolar: produced with the tongue and the alveolar ridge
- Palatal: produced with the tongue and the palate
- Velar: produced with the tongue and the velum
- Glottal: produced with the vocal cords

Consonants can also be classified according to their manner of articulation. The manner of articulation is the way in which the consonant sound is produced. The following are the different manners of articulation:

- Stops: produced by completely blocking the airflow
- Fricatives: produced by creating a narrow opening in the vocal tract, causing the air to flow turbulently
- Affricates: produced by a combination of a stop and a fricative
- Nasals: produced by allowing the air to flow through the nose
- Liquids: produced by allowing the air to flow over the sides of the tongue
- Glides: produced by allowing the air to flow over the center of the tongue

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