

# Single Vowels

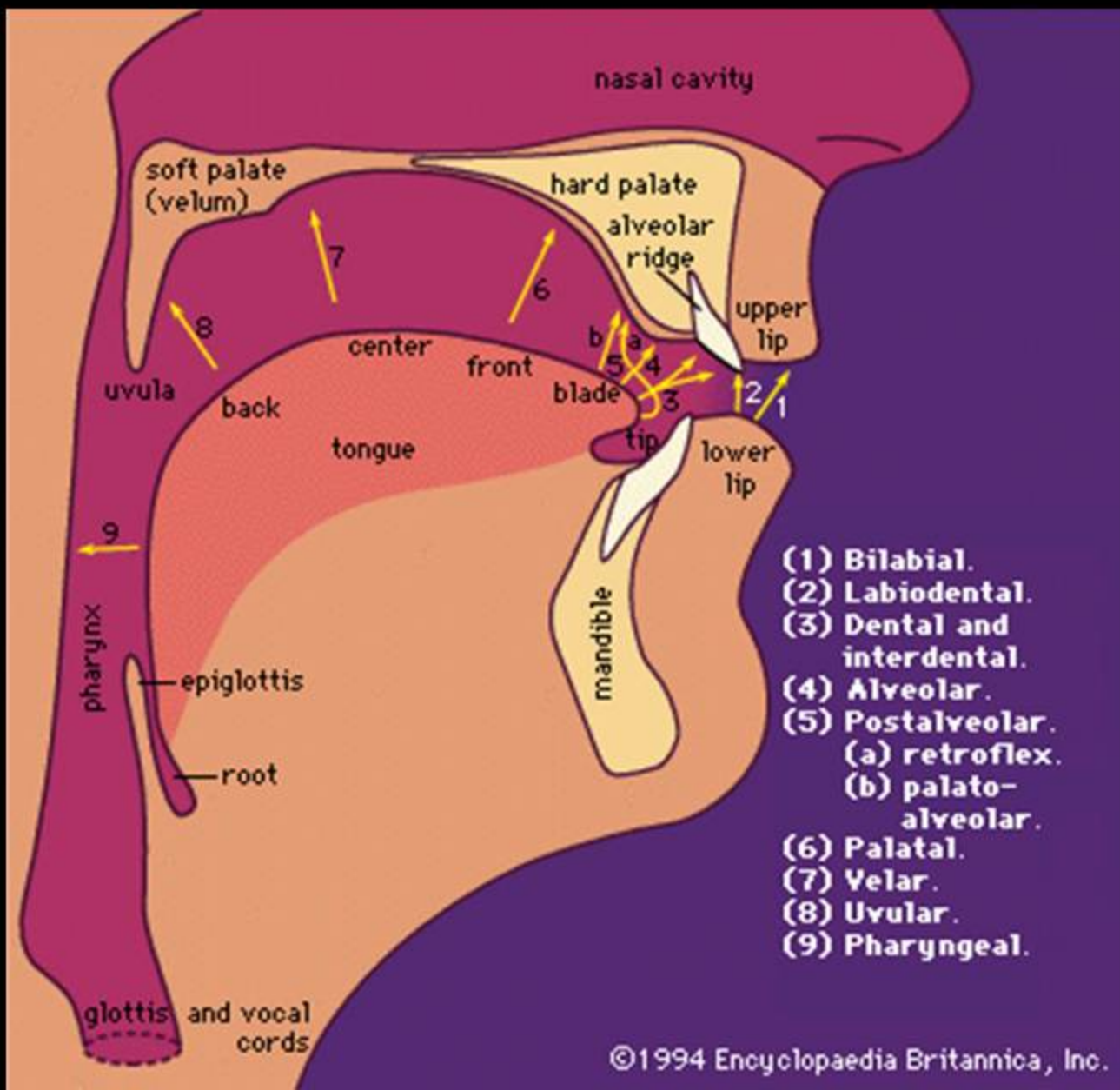
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# VOWELS

- Articulators are used to **shape** the airstream
- All **voiced**

# TONGUE



# VOWELS

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Center

Back

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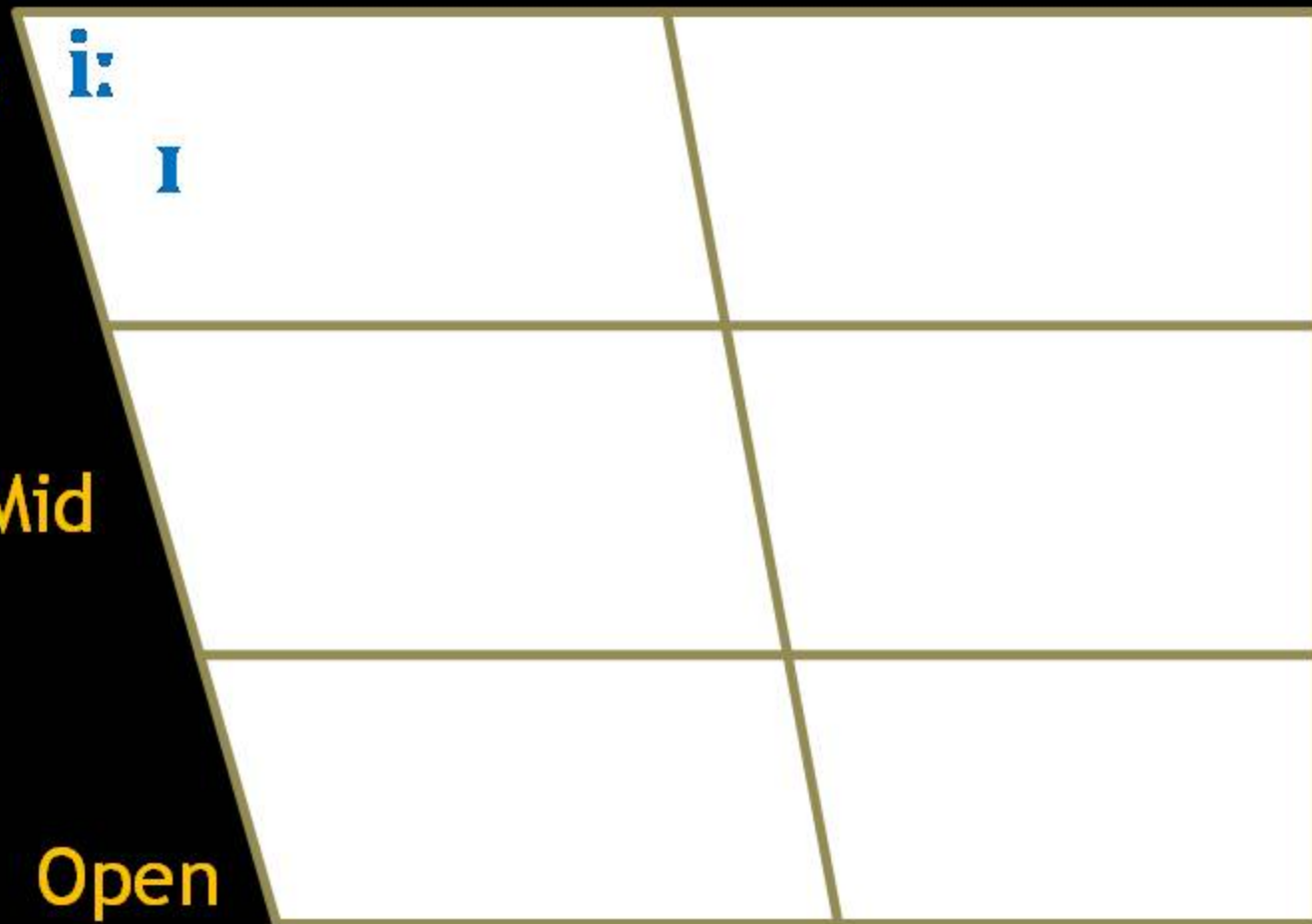
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# VOWELS

[i:]	[ɪ]
Leave	Live
Scene	Sin
Heat	Hit
Seat	Sit
Feet	Fit
Leap	Lip
Beach	Bitch
Sheet	Shit

# VOWELS

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# VOWELS

[u:]	[ʊ]
Fool	Full
Luke	Look
Pool	Pull
Cooed	Could



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# VOWELS

[i:]	[ɪ]	[ɛ]	[æ]
Beat	Bit	Bet	Bat
Bead	Bid	Bed	Bad
Meet	Mitt	Met	Matt
Deed	Did	Dead	Dad
Keen	Kin	Ken	Can

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# VOWELS

Exclusively pronounced as [ɔ:]  
(spelled *o*, *ou* or *oo* followed by *r*)

or, corn

four, pour

floor, door

Exclusively pronounced as [ɑ:]  
(spelled *a* followed by *r* and atypical spellings)

start, garden, park, guard

father, bra, sergeant, heart, entrepreneur

# VOWELS

Pronounced as either [ɔ:] or [ɑ:]  
(most Americans pronounce [ɑ:])

daughter, caught

law, draw

always, mall

off, coffee

moth, cloth

cross, loss

thought, fought

# VOWELS

Obs: There is no [o] in English, but there are the diphthong [ow] and the vowels [õ] or [ã] when followed by a nasal consonant:

long

song

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lawn

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# VOWELS

## SCHWA

Schwaches Ausspruch

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Weak Pronunciation

Brazilian - construction - jealous - proportional  
[ə] [ə] [ə] [ə] [ə] [ə] [ə] [ə]

# VOWELS

Stressed

Unstressed

[ɑ] [oʊ] [ʌ]

[i:] [ɔj] [ɛ]

[æ] [aj] [ej] [u:]

[ɜ:] [ɒ]

[ɪ]

[ʊ]

[ə]

# VOWELS

[ə]	Typical mistake	Correct Pronunciation
<i>ous</i> , as in <b>various</b>	[ows]	[əs]
<i>pro</i> , as in <b>production</b>	[pro] [prow]	[prə]
<i>ion</i> , as in <b>illusion</b>	[on] [jon]	[ən]

[ə] or [ʊ]	[ə] or [ɪ]
<b>today, you</b> (connected speech)	<b>behind, prefer, delicate, chocolate, wanted</b>

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# VOWELS

[ʌ] and [ɜ:] are stressed versions  
of [ə]

‘above’ /əˈbʌv/  
‘occur’ /əˈkɜ:r/  
‘mother’ /ˈmʌθər/

# VOWELS

[ɜ:] is always followed by /r/

[ʌ]	/ɜ:r/	/ɜ:rl/
won, one	word	world
trouble	firm	girl
love	circle	pearl
tongue	work	curl
culture	murder	twirl
cup	search	Earl

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# VOWELS

## Compare

[ʌ]	[ʊ]
luck	look
cud	could
buck	book
stud	stood
tuck	took



# VOWELS

## Compare

[ʌ]	[ɑ] [ɔ:]
nut	not / knot
cup	cop
buddy	body
color	collar
duck	dock
fund	fond
bum	bomb

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