

Vowels in English

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- Can Someone define vowel?
- All vowels are voiced sounds during the production of which there is no closure or narrowing of such a degree that would cause audible friction. The soft palate is raised and the air issues out continuously from mouth.
- The tongue does not touch anywhere
- So vowels are described in auditory terms
- Consonants are described in articulatory terms

- Can someone tell how do we describe consonant articulation?
- For vowel description points change
- Which air stream is used?
- Which part of the tongue is raised?
- To what height the tongue is raised?
- Shape assumed by lips
- 20 vowels (12 monophthongs/ 08 Diphthongs)

- Cardinal Vowel Diagram.

