



*VOWEL
SOUNDS*

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- Vowels are sounds during the production of which the air escapes through the mouth freely and continuously, without an audible friction. Vowels are thus articulated with a stricture of open approximation.



Vowels can be classified based on

- 1.the position of the lips
- 2.the part of the toungue that is raised and
- 3.the height to which it is raised



According to the position of lips, vowels can be: **Rounded or Unrounded**

Based on the part of the tongue that is raised, vowels can be: **front vowels, back vowels & central vowels**

On the basis of the height at which it is raised, vowels can be : **open, half open, half close, close**

