

VOWELS

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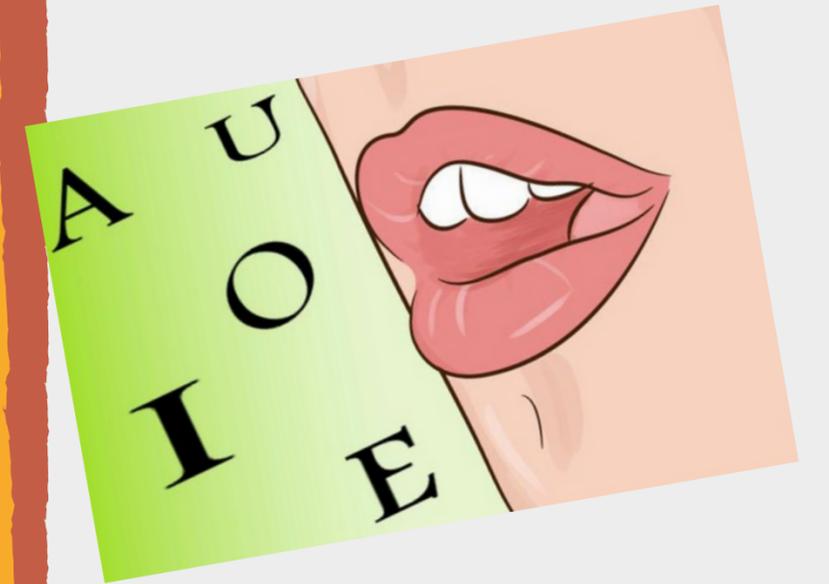


“Vowel is a speech sound in which the mouth is open and the tongue is not touching the top of the mouth, the teeth, etc.”

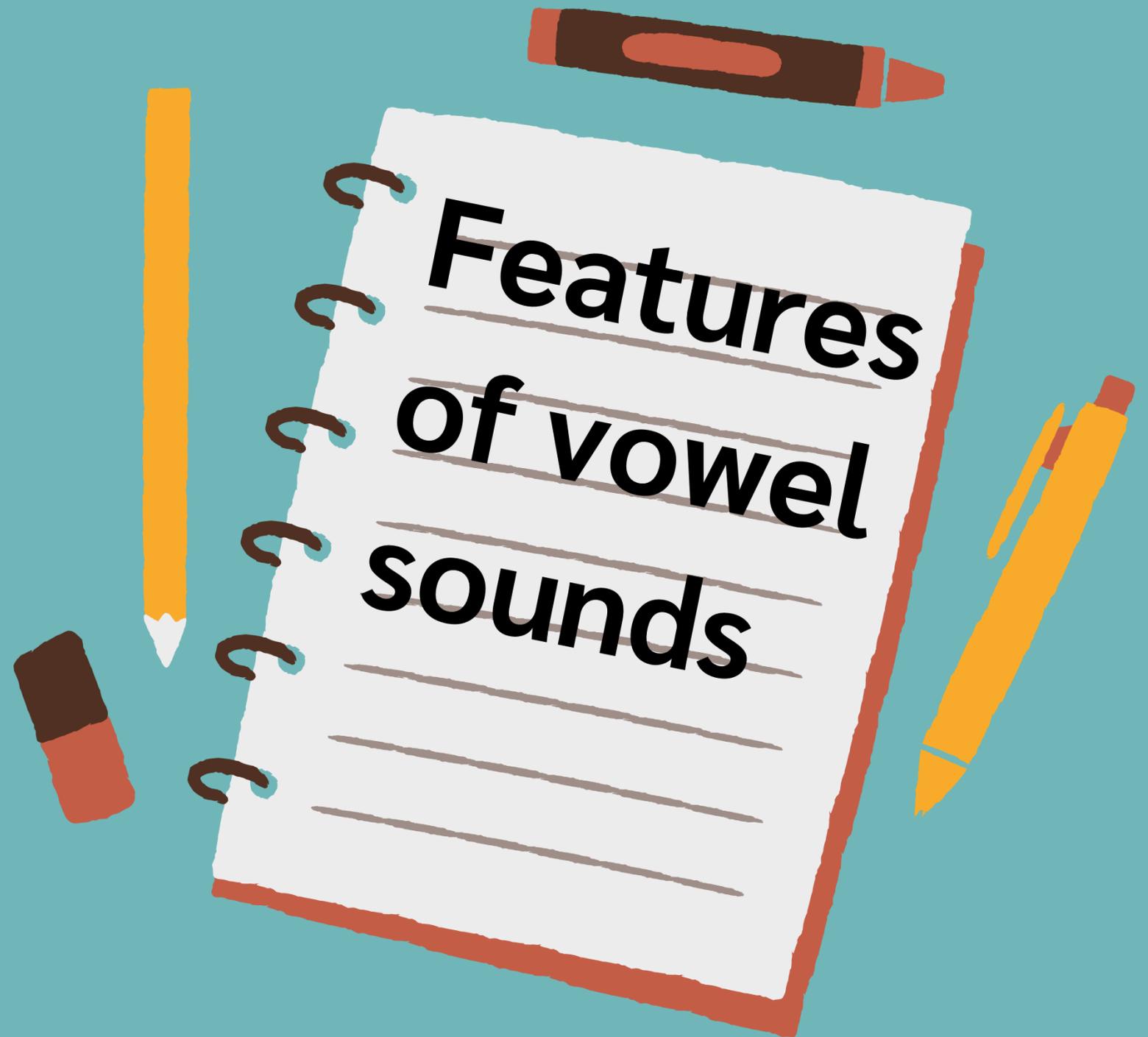
(Oxford Learner’s Dictionary)

“Vowel is a speech sound produced by humans when the breath flows out through the mouth without being blocked by the teeth, tongue, or lips.”

(Cambridge Learner’s Dictionary)



- Tongue height
- Tongue position
- Lip position





Tongue position

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Front

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Central

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Back

Tongue height



Close



Close-mid



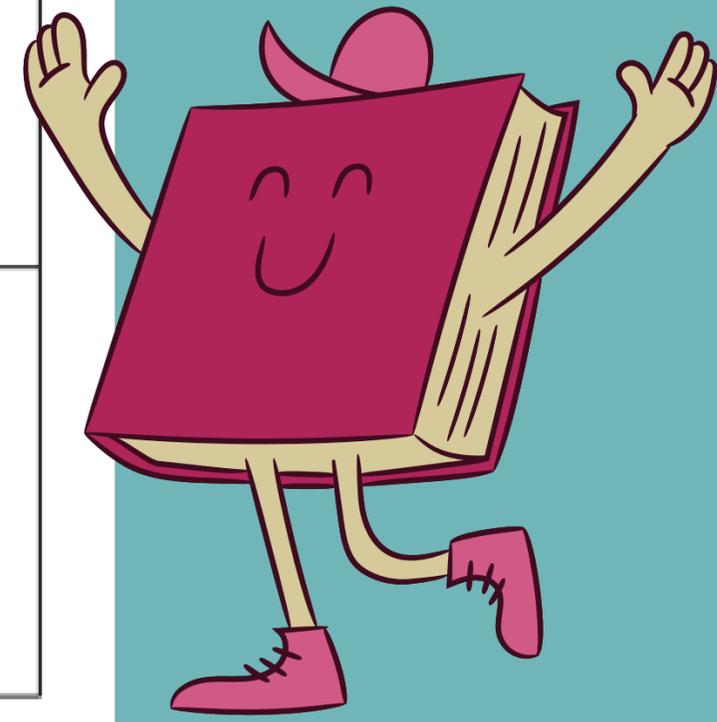
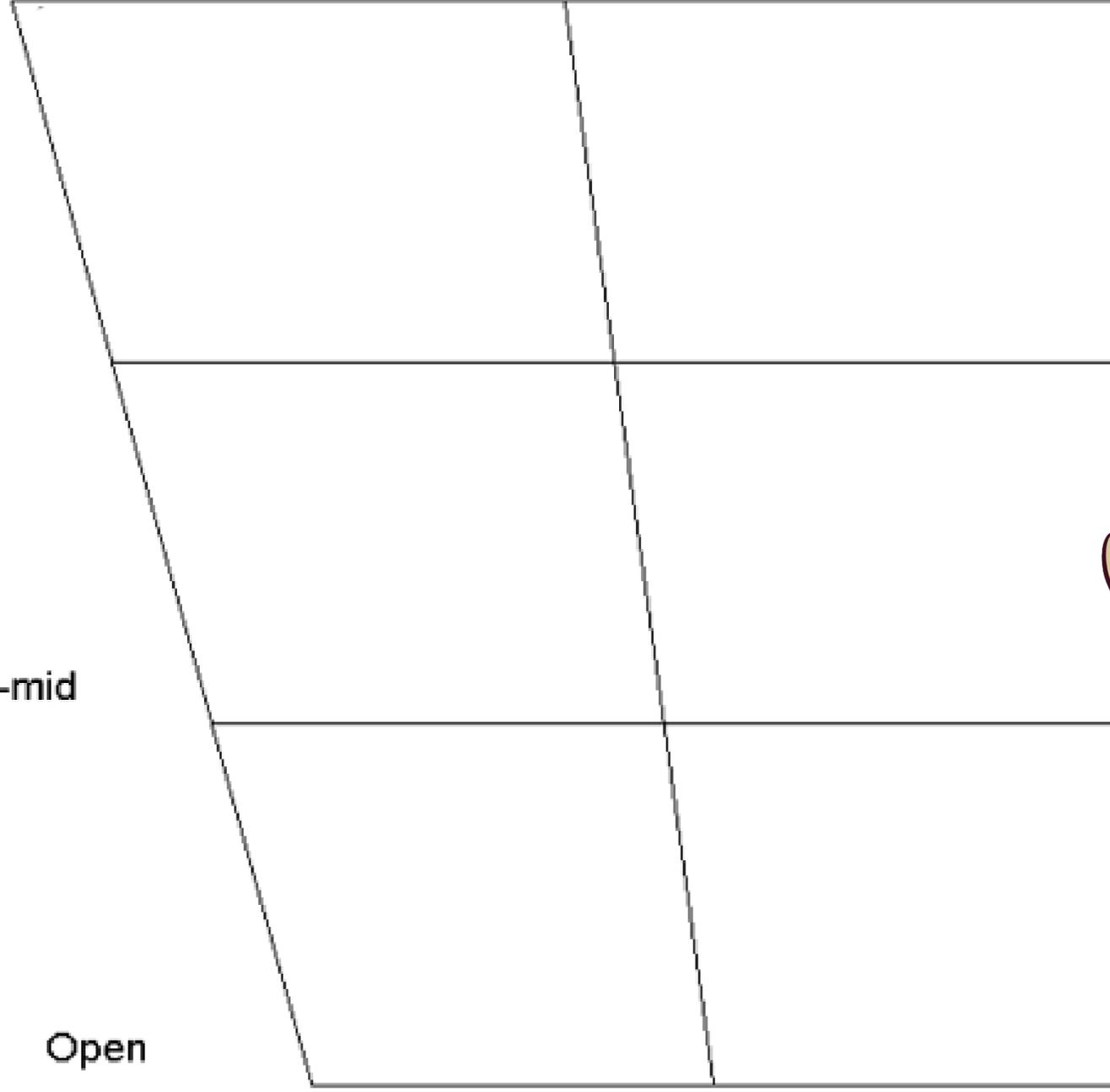
Mid



Open-mid



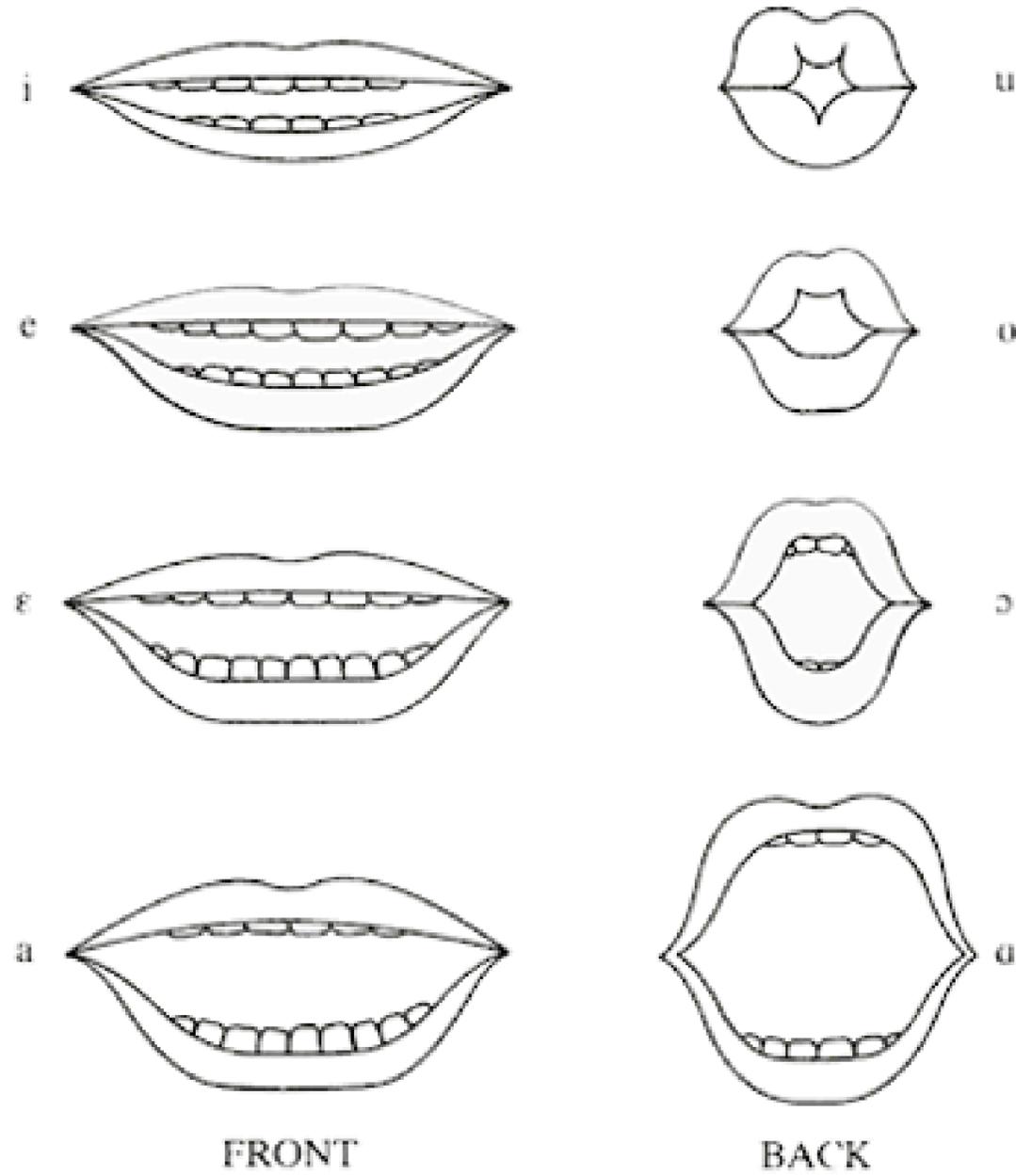
Open



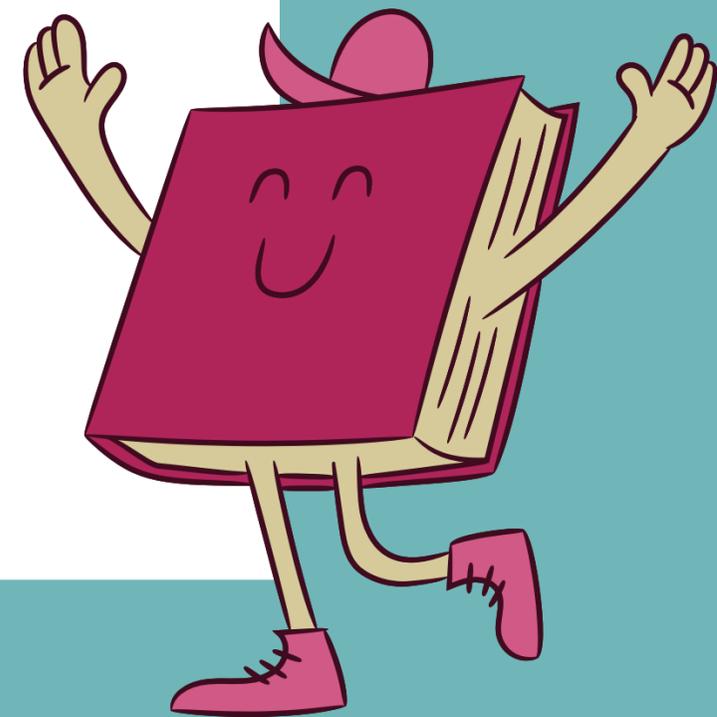


Lip position

unrounded

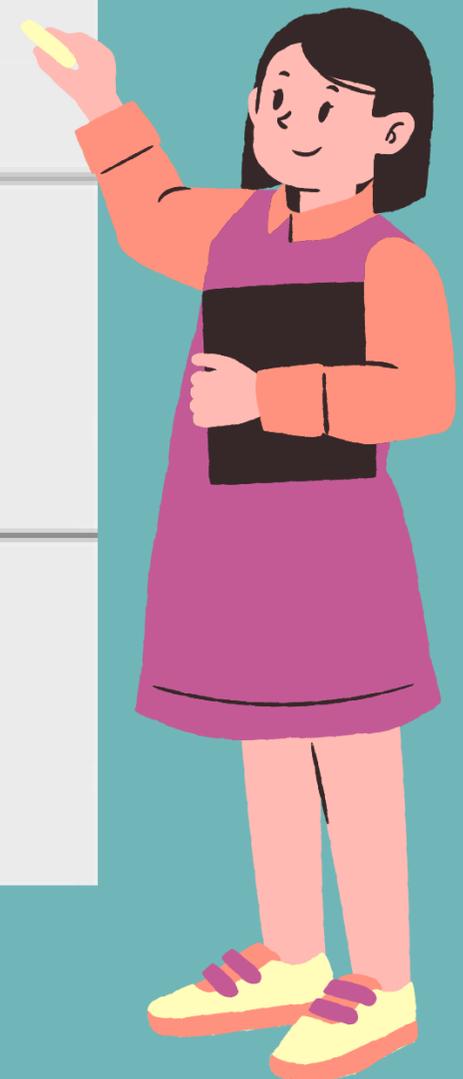


rounded

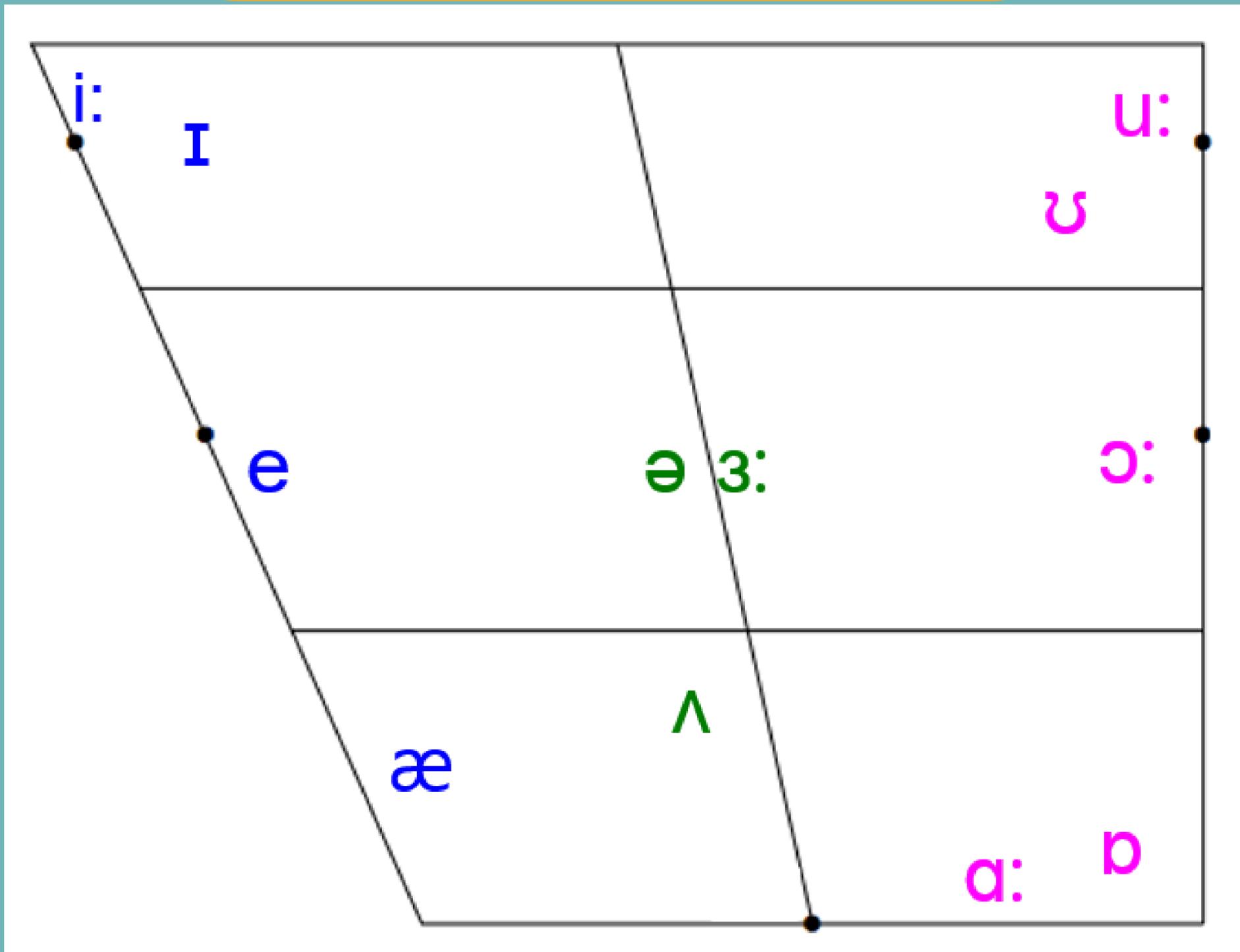


Monophthongs

i: sheep	ɪ ship	ʊ good	u: shoot
e bed	ə teacher	ɜ: bird	ɔ: door
æ cat	ʌ up	ɑ: far	ɒ on



Monophthongs



Diphthongs



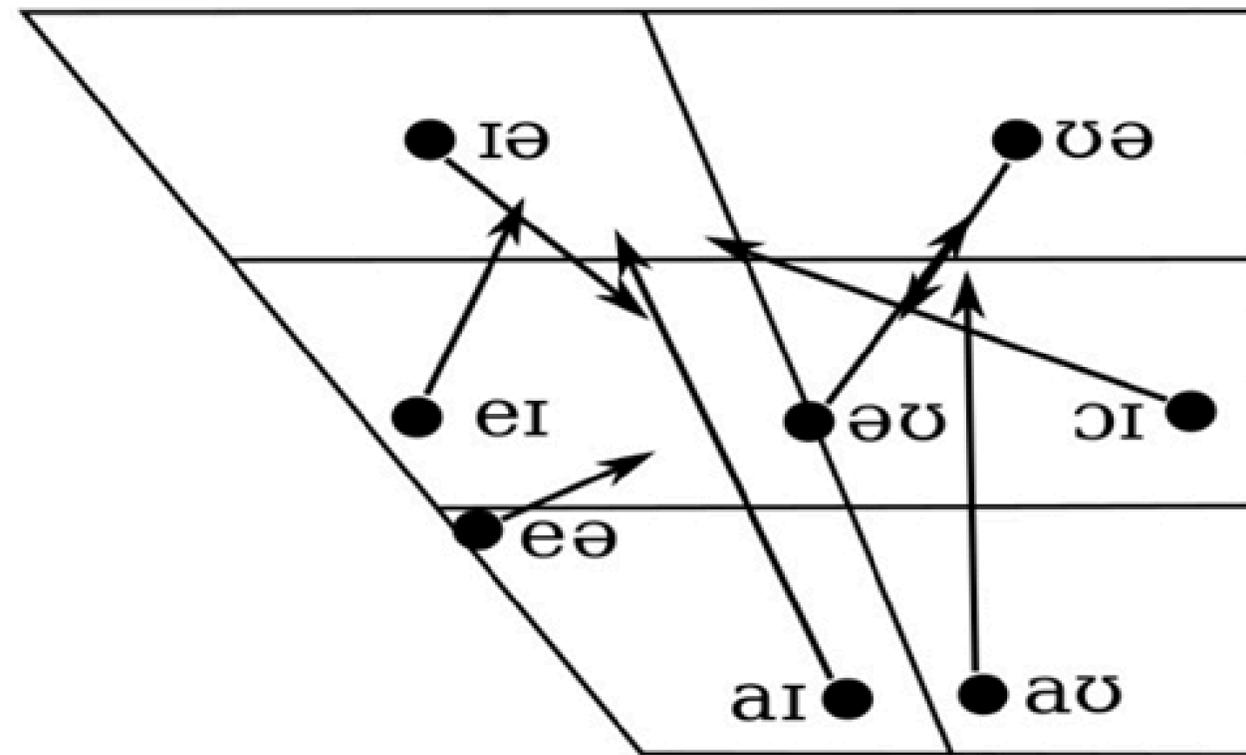
diphthongs		
Iə here	eɪ wait	
ʊə tourist	ɔɪ boy	
eə hair	aɪ my	aʊ cow



Diphthongs



- There are eight diphthongs commonly used in English. They are: /eɪ/, /aɪ/, /əʊ/, /aʊ/, /ɔɪ/, /ɪə/, /eə/, and /ʊə/.





Thank you

