

English vowel sounds

Vowel Phonemes		
Lips loosely spread. Tongue lax with less tension than / i: / (short vowel)	/ɪ/	
Lips loosely spread and slightly wider apart than / ɪ / (short vowel)	/e/	
Lips neutrally open and slightly wider apart than / e / (short vowel)	/æ/	
Open lip-rounding, wide open jaws, back of tongue low. (short vowel)	/ɒ/	
Lips neutrally open. Open jaws. Centralized quality. (short vowel)	/ʌ/	
Lips loose, but closely rounded. Tongue not as tense as in / u: / (short vowel)	/ʊ/	
Lips in neutral position. Centralized. Tongue slightly higher than in / ʌ / (short vowel)	/ə/	
Lips spread. Tongue tense (front raised) with sides touching upper molars. (long vowel)	/i:/	
Lips neutrally open and jaws far apart. Centre to back of tongue fully open. (long vowel)	/ɑ:/	
Medium lip rounding. Tongue drawn back making no contact with upper molars. (long vowel)	/ɔ:/	
Lips neutrally spread. Tongue slightly higher than /ə/ (no firm contact with upper molars) (long vowel)	/ɜ:/	
Lips closely rounded. Back of tongue high. Tense compared with /ʊ/ (long vowel)	/u:/	

Pit - pet- pat -pot - luck -good - ago - meet -car - door -girl - too