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Consonant sequences: It means the combination of two or more consonant sounds without being interrupted by a vowel. For example the word street. /stri:t/.

A/ By pronouncing the first sound as long as possible then moving gradually to the next sound.

Types of consonant sequences

1: within the word: it consists of (2-3) consonant sequences without being interrupted by a vowel. It's divided into **three parts**

1: initial sequences: the consonant sequences come in the beginning of words for example. Spray/spreɪ/ , Play/pl'eɪ/ ,

2: Middle sequences: come in the middle of the words for example Although /əldə'ʊ/ , already/əldredi/

3: final sequences: come at the end of words for example Books . /b'ʊks/ sports/ sp'ɔ:ts/

2: between the words : it's occur between two words and can be consist of (2-7) consonant sequences without being interrupted by a vowel

Examples: Great care: / greɪt keə/ Next spring: / nekst sprɪŋ/

As we said you can find sequences from (2-7) between the words

Three consonant Thank you / θ'æŋk j'u/ Long skirt / lɔŋ skɜ:t/

Four consonant Next Sunday / nekst sʌndi/ Bottled wine /b'atlɪd w'aɪn /

Five consonant Milk's free / m'ɪlks fr'i/ , Bent spring /bent sprɪŋ/

Six consonant: Next spring / nekst sprɪŋ/ , thinks straight /θɪŋks streɪt/

Seven consonant: Text's stupid/ t'eksts stjʊpɪd/

## THE VOWELS OF ENGLISH

The vowels of English Vowels: one of a set of voiced sounds in which air leaves the mouth with no interference and which occurs in similar positions in words.

\*We have twenty vowels in number \*Vowel must be learning by listening and imitating

- vowels are classified according to

1: tongue height

2: tongue shape

3: lips shape

Types of vowels

1: monophthongs (simple, pure)vowel: consists of only one single vowel it could be either long vowel or short vowel and they are twelve vowels.

are sounds that pronounced in a short form they: vowelsShort vowels. sevenonly they areand

Long vowels: sounds that are longer than normal or longer than the short vowels and they are only five.

Short vowels: only seven vowels

/ɪ/ in , sit , fill

/e/ let , ten

/æ/ at , cat

/ʊ/ book , look

/ɒ/ on , off

/ə/ father , of

/ʌ/ up , much

Long vowels: only five vowels

/i:/ feel , feed

/ɜ:/ girl , bird

/ɑ:/ arm, hard

/u:/ food , moon

/ɔ:/ all, tall , sport

The word monophthongs came from the Greek “mono”, which means “one”, and “-phthong” which means “tone” or “sound”

Define vowels.....

We have..... vowels in number

We have.....long vowels

There are..... short vowels

Define simple vowels.....

2: Diphthongs: a smooth glide from one vowel position to another the whole glide working like one of the long simple vowel and they are eight vowels.

/eɪ/ a, pay, say

/aɪ/ i, l, sky

/ɔɪ/ boy

/eə/ air,

/ʊə/ poor

/ɪə/ here, ear,

/aʊ/ now, cow

/əʊ/ go, no, so

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Define diphthongs:

There are..... Diphthongs in number

Give transcription for this words

Low .....

Snow.....

Coal.....

Claws.....

transcription

3:Triphthongs (vowel sequences): It means when two or three or even more vowel one follows after the other without any interrupted by consonant between them and the most common sequences are formed by adding/ə/ to a diphthongs and they are five vowels.

/ ə / إلى diphthongs /eɪə/ player /pleɪə/

/aɪə/ tyre /taɪə/

/ɔɪə/ loyal /lɔɪə/

/aʊə/power/paʊə/

/əʊə/grower/

/grəʊə/

Define vowel sequences.....

.....  
There are..... triphthongs in number  
Give transcription for this words

Player.....

Thrower.....

Lawyers.....

Royal.....