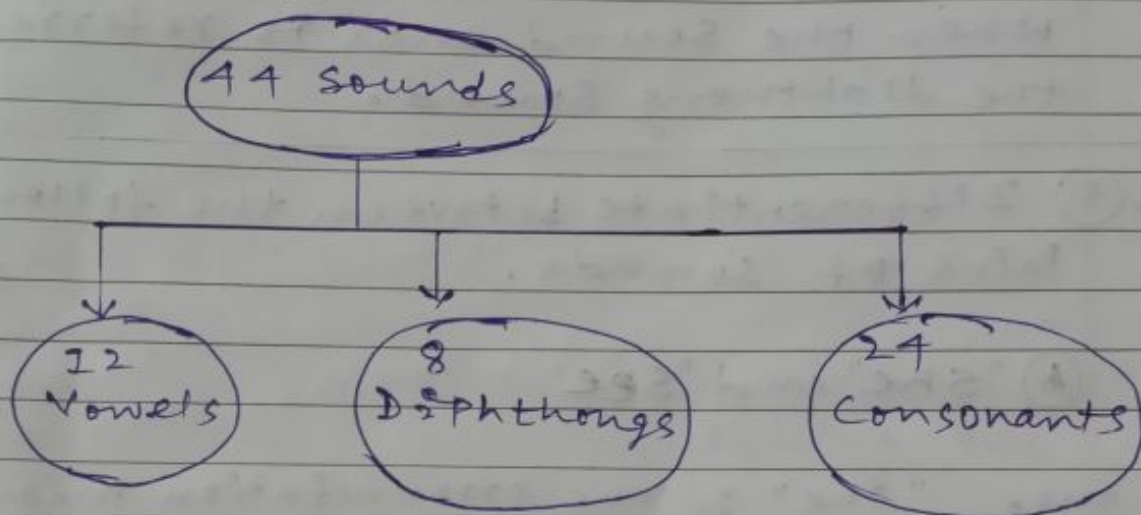


Q. (1) What are total numbers of sounds in the English language?

Ans. There are of total 44 sounds in the English language.



Q. (2) What is vowel sound?

Ans. A sound which is produced when air does not face any obstruction in the mouth by tongue, lips and teeth and comes out independently is referred as vowel sound.

Q. (3) What is consonant sound?

Ans. When the current of air coming out of the lungs is hindered by the tongue, teeth and lips in the mouth and is modified, the sound thus produced is referred as the consonant sound.

Q. (4) What is diphthong sound?

Ans. For the production of those classes of sounds when the position of tongue which is at initial changes its position when the sound ends is referred as the diphthong sound.

Q. (5) Differentiate between the following pairs of sounds.

(A) "She" and "See"

Ans. "She" : The pronunciation indulges "Sh" sound and long 'e'.

"See" : The pronunciation indulges "S" sound and long 'e'.

(B) "Fill" and "Feel"

Ans. "Feel" : The vowel sounds higher and quite sharper.

"Fill" : Little less sharp to gather the sound of vowel.

(C) "It" and "Eat"

Ans. "It" : The vowel sounds is /ɪ/ \Rightarrow e

"Eat" : The vowel sounds is /i/ \Rightarrow æ

Q. (D) "Fit" and "Feat"

Ans. "Fit" : The vowel sound is /ɪ/ = e
"Feat" : The vowel sound is /i/ = æ

Q. (E) "Sit" and "Seat"

Ans. "Sit" : The vowel sound is /ɪ/ = e
"Seat" : The vowel sound is /i/ = æ

Q. (F) What do you mean by Phoneme?

Ans. Phoneme is referred as the smallest unit of speech distinguishing one word from the another.

For example : the word "hat" has three phoneme 'h', 'a', 't'.

Three sounds are there that are distinguishing one from another.