**Introduction to Received Pronunciation**

**Objective**: Understand the concept of Received Pronunciation and its importance in English.

**Activity:** Discuss the history of RP and its status as a standard accent in the UK, often associated with formal speech.

**Short Vowels**

**Objective:** Learn and practice the pronunciation of short vowels in RP.

**Each short vowel sound with examples:**

/ɪ/ as in “pit”

/e/ as in “pet”

/æ/ as in “pat”

/ʌ/ as in “cut”

/ɒ/ as in “pot”

/ʊ/ as in “put”

/ə/ as in “about”

**Long Vowels**

**Objective:** Learn and practice the pronunciation of long vowels in RP.

**Each long vowel sound with examples:**

/iː/ as in “key”

/ɑː/ as in “half”

/ɔː/ as in “paw”

/uː/ as in “coo”

/3ː/ as in “cur”

**Short Vowels:**

* /ɪ/ vs /iː/: **sit** - **seat**
* /e/ vs /i/: **pet** - **pit**
* /æ/ vs /e/: **bat** - **bet**
* /ʌ/ vs /ɑː/: **cut** - **cart**
* /ɒ/ vs /ɔː/: **cot** - **caught**
* /ʊ/ vs /uː/: **pull** - **pool**
* /ə/ vs /ɜː/: **sofa** - **surf**

**Long Vowels:**

* /iː/ vs /ɪ/: **leave** - **live**
* /ɑː/ vs /æ/: **father** - **fatter**
* /ɔː/ vs /ɒ/: **bought** - **bot**
* /uː/ vs /ʊ/: **food** - **foot**
* /ɜː/ vs /ɛ/: **bird** – **bed**

**Short Quiz**

**Which word contains a short /ɪ/ sound?**

A) Seat

B) Sit

C) Suit

**Which word contains a long /ɑː/ sound?**

A) Cart

B) Cut

C) Cat

**Which word contains a long /uː/ sound?**

A) Pool

B) Pull

C) Pal

**Which word contains a short /ʊ/ sound?**

A) Food

B) Foot

C) Fought

**Which word contains a short /æ/ sound?**

A) Bed

B) Bird

C) Bat