

Phonetics: The Articulation of Speech Sounds

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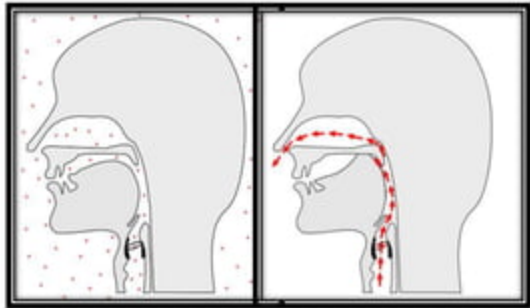
Speech mechanism

Phonetics – articulation,
transmission & reception

Organs of our body – 3 groups

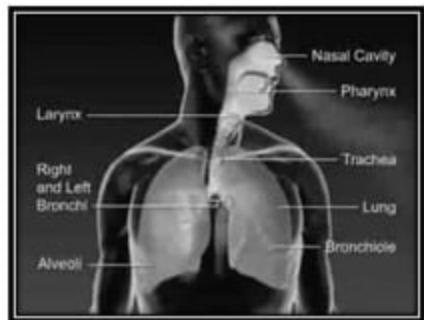
Speech Mechanism

- Respiratory System
- Articulatory System
- Phonatory System



Respiratory system

- *Trunk of our body (Neck – Abdomen)*
- *Lungs – soft bodies situated on either side of our chest*
 - *Receive oxygen through the 2 bronchi*
 - *Bronchus join the windpipe/ trachea*
- *Inspiration – breathe in – through the windpipe, the bronchus & the bronchi*
- *Expiration – breathe out – from the lungs goes out of the lungs through the bronchi into the bronchus, into the trachea and the outer atmosphere*
- *Expiratory Lung-air – production of a vast majority of speech sounds used by the languages of the world*



Articulatory system

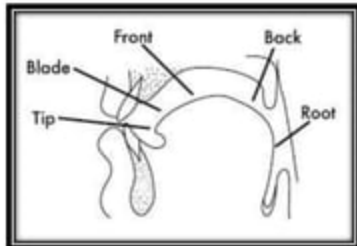
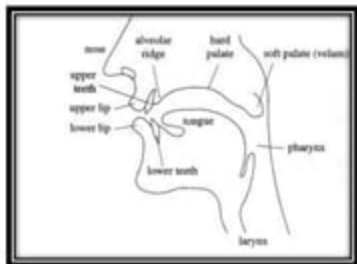
➤ *Head & neck – Organs of Speech – Lips, Teeth, Tongue & Palate*

➤ *Roof of the Mouth – 4 parts*

- ☐ *Teeth Ridge/ Alveolar Ridge*
- ☐ *Hard Palate*
- ☐ *Soft Palate/ Velum*
- ☐ *Uvula*

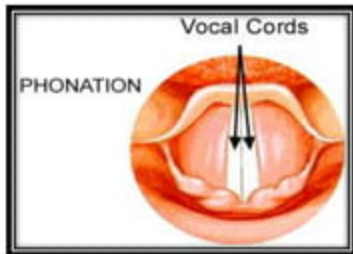
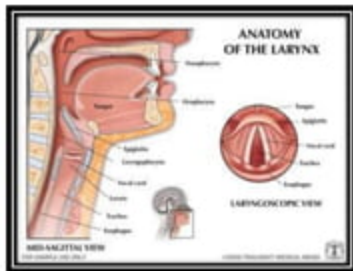
➤ *Parts of the Tongue – 6 parts*

- ☐ *Tip*
- ☐ *Blade*
- ☐ *Front*
- ☐ *Centre*
- ☐ *Back*
- ☐ *Root*



Phonatory System

- *Throat – Pharynx*
- *Behind the Pharynx – Back wall of the Pharynx (Adam's Apple – Larynx – upper part of the trachea)*
- *Phonatory System – Larynx & Vocal Cords*
- *Vocal Cords (inside the Larynx – Lip like structure)*
- *Glottis*
 - *VC attached at one end & left loose at the other end*
 - *Brought close/ move far away – there is a space*



Voiceless & Voiced Sounds

✓ *Voiceless Sounds*

- ☐ *The air that we breathe in and breathe out passes through the Glottis*
- ☐ *Breathe normally – the vocal cords are moved away from each other – the glottis is wide open*
- ☐ *The air that we breathe in/out – goes freely through the wide-open glottis – without affecting/ moving the vocal cords*

✓ *The vocal cords are drawn far away from each other & the air passes through the wide-open glottis, without affecting the VCs.*

✓ *Voiced Sounds*

- ☐ *The air from the lungs passes through the Glottis – the pressure of the air makes them open and close rapidly*
- ☐ *The rapid opening and closing of the VCs – Vibration*

✓ *Sounds articulated with the VCs vibrating*

Pitch & intonation

- ✓ **Pitch** – the number of times the VCs open & close per second
- ✓ VC vibrate slowly – pitch is low
- ✓ VC vibrate fast – pitch is high
- ✓ **Intonation** – the patterns of variation of the pitch of our voice when we speak/ sing