

# Acoustic phonetic representation of speech sounds

# Silence, Unvoiced and Voiced Portions of Speech

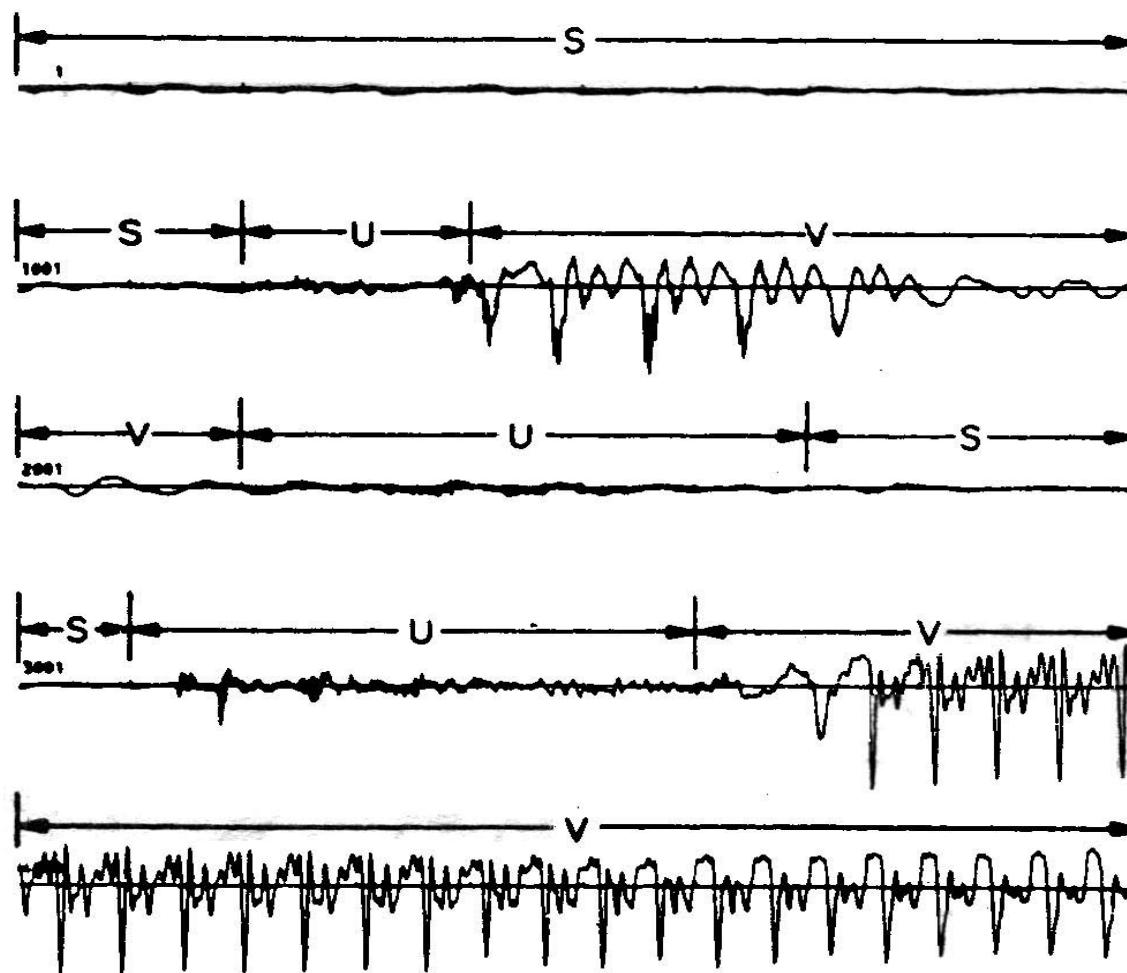


Figure 2.7 Waveform plot of the beginning of the utterance "It's time."

# Narrowband & Wideband Spectrograms

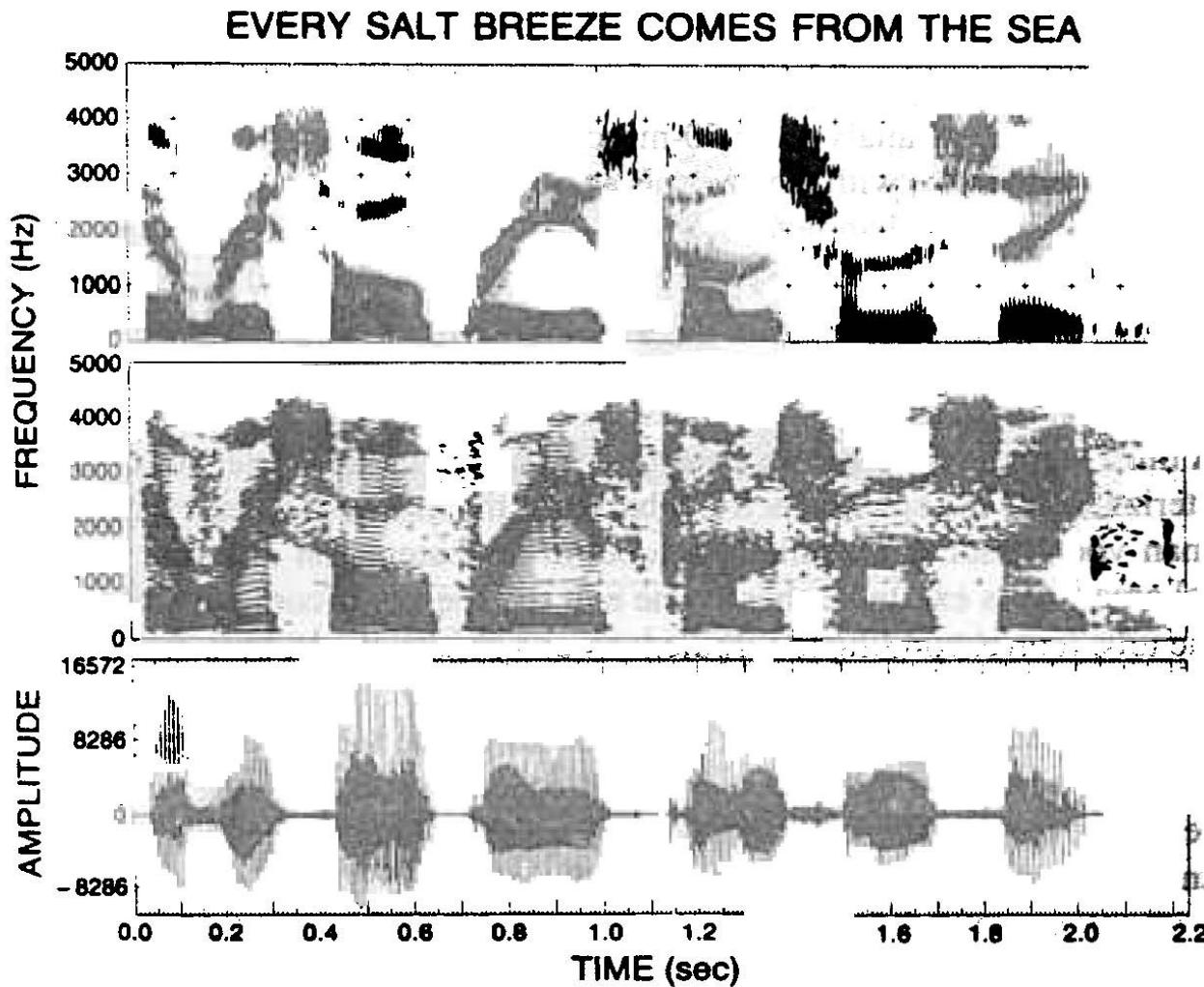


Figure 2.8 Wideband and narrowband spectrograms and speech amplitude for the utterance "Every salt breeze comes from the sea."

# Formant Frequencies

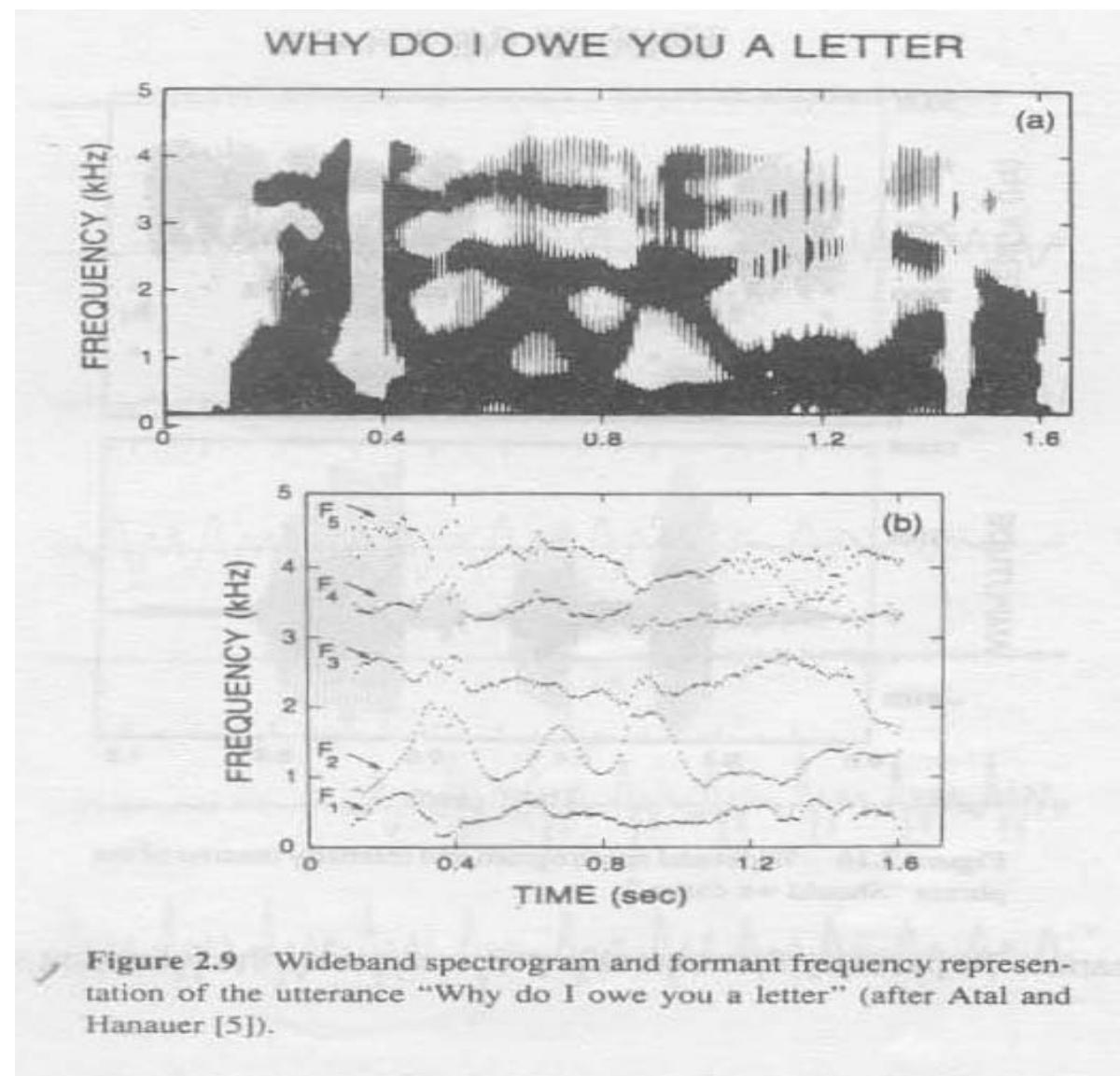
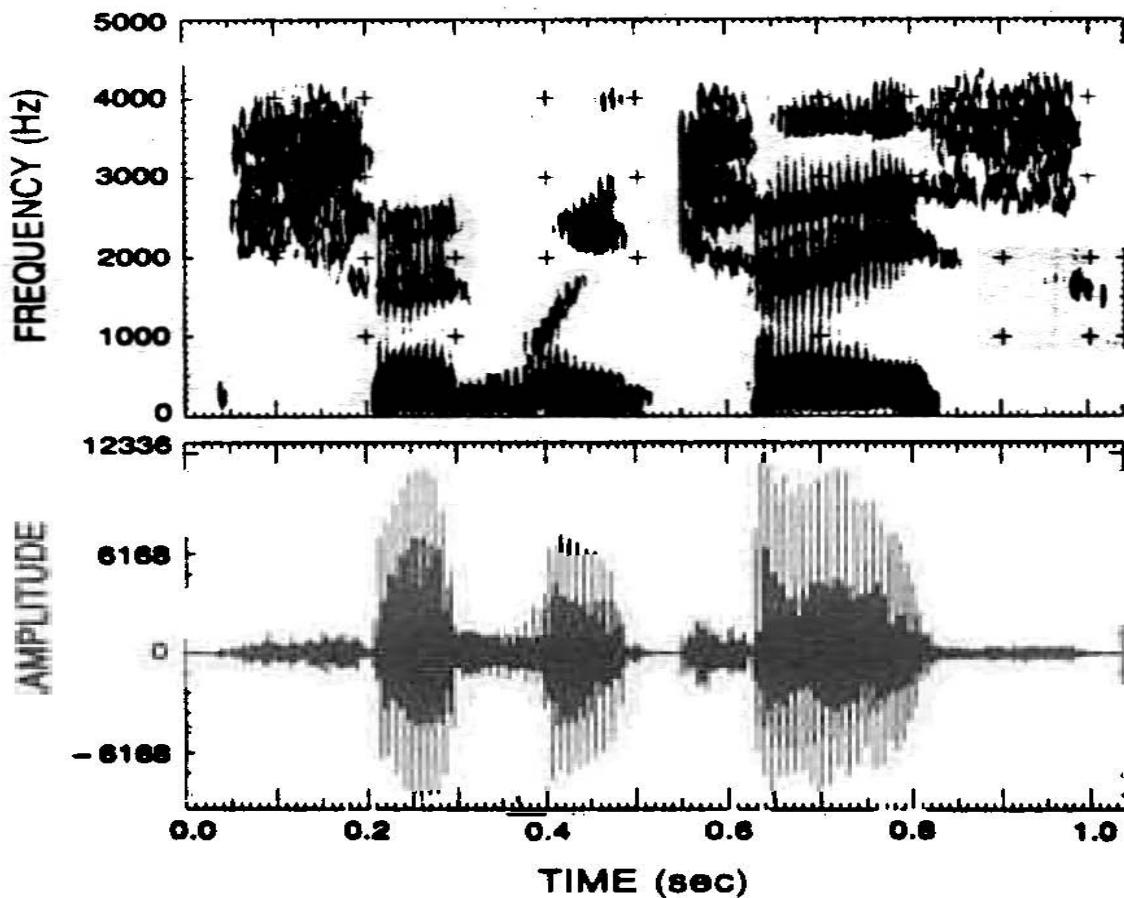


Figure 2.9 Wideband spectrogram and formant frequency representation of the utterance "Why do I owe you a letter" (after Atal and Hanauer [5]).

# Time and Time-Frequency Representation of Speech

SHOULD WE CHASE



**Figure 2.10** Wideband spectrogram and intensity contour of the phrase "Should we chase."

# Voiced and Unvoiced Portions of Speech

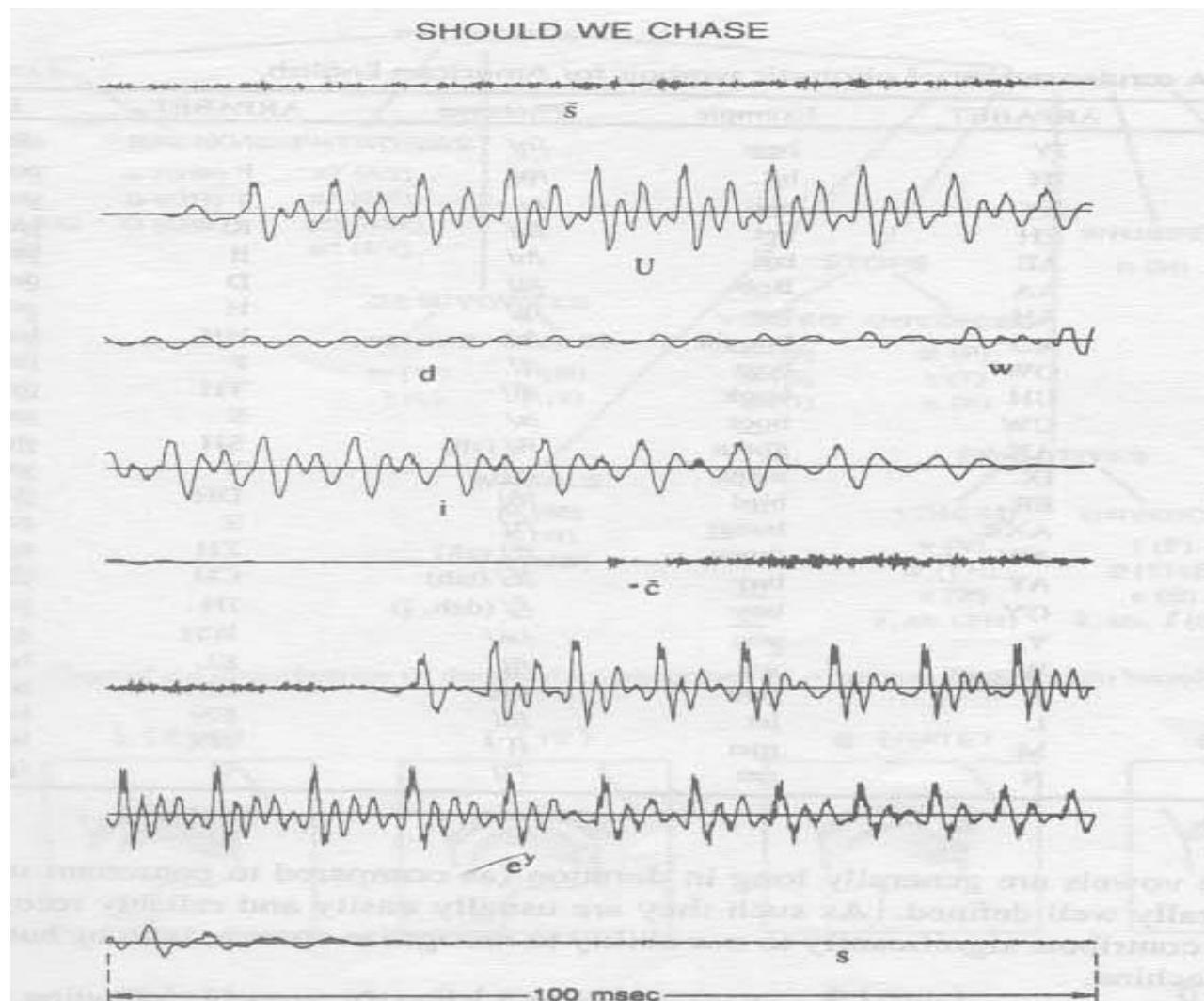


Figure 2.11 The speech waveform and a segmentation and labeling of the constituent sounds of the phrase "Should we chase."

# Classification of phonemes

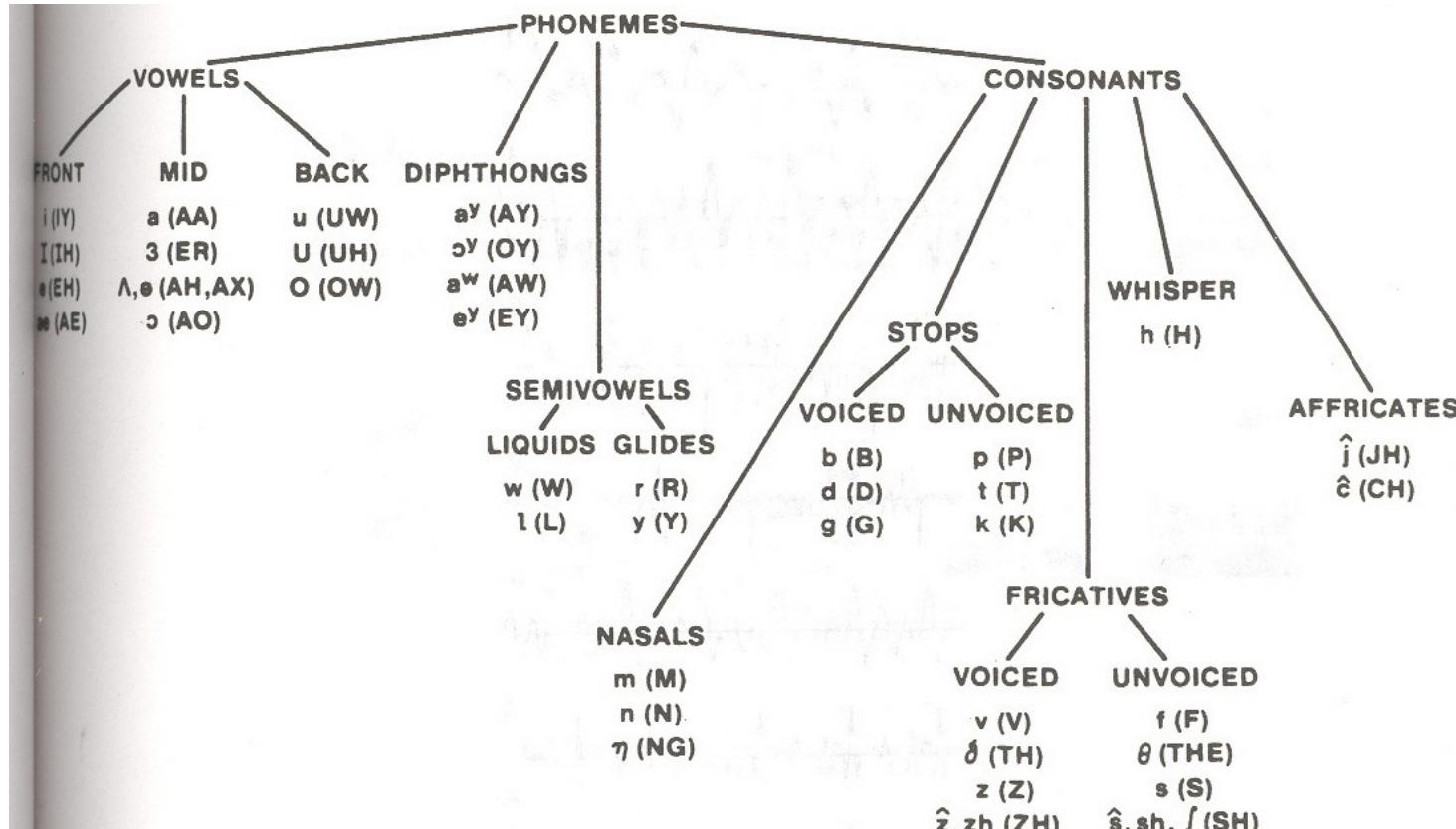


Figure 2.12 Chart of the classification of the standard phonemes of American English into broad sound classes.

# Hindi Sound Units

Set of Characters representing Vowel speech sounds

|       |            |          |          |          |          |           |
|-------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Vowel | Short      | /a/(अ)   | /i/(इ)   | /u/(उ)   | /e/(ए)   | /o/(ओ)    |
|       | Long       | /a://(आ) | /i://(ई) | /u://(ऊ) | /e://(ए) | /o://(ओ.) |
|       | Diphthongs | /ai/(ऐ)  | /au/(औ)  |          |          |           |

Set of Characters representing Consonant-Vowel Combinations, where  
 Consonant is any plosive and Vowel is /a/(अ)

| Place of articulation | Manner of articulation |           |             |           | Nasals     | Semivowels | Fricatives |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
|                       | Unvoiced               |           | Voiced      |           |            |            |            |  |  |  |
|                       | Unaspirated            | Aspirated | Unaspirated | Aspirated |            |            |            |  |  |  |
| Velar                 | /ka/(क)                | /kha/(ख)  | /ga/(ग)     | /gha/(ঘ)  | /kna/(ঞ্জ) | --         | /ha/(হ)    |  |  |  |
| Palatal               | /cha/(চ)               | /chha/(ছ) | /ja/(জ)     | /jha/(ঝ)  | /cna/(ঞ্জ) | /ya/(য)    | /sha/(শ)   |  |  |  |
| Retroflex             | /Ta/(ট)                | /Tha/(ঠ)  | /Da/(ড)     | /Dha/(ঢ)  | /Tna(ণ)    | /ra/(ৱ)    | /shha/(ষ)  |  |  |  |
| Denti-Alveolar        | /ta/(ত)                | /tha/(থ)  | /da/(দ)     | /dha/(ধ)  | /na/(ন)    | /la/(ল)    | /sa/(স)    |  |  |  |
| Bilabial              | /pa/(প)                | /pha/(ফ)  | /ba/(ব)     | /bha/(ভ)  | /ma/(ম)    | /va/(ব)    | --         |  |  |  |

# Tongue hump for vowel sounds

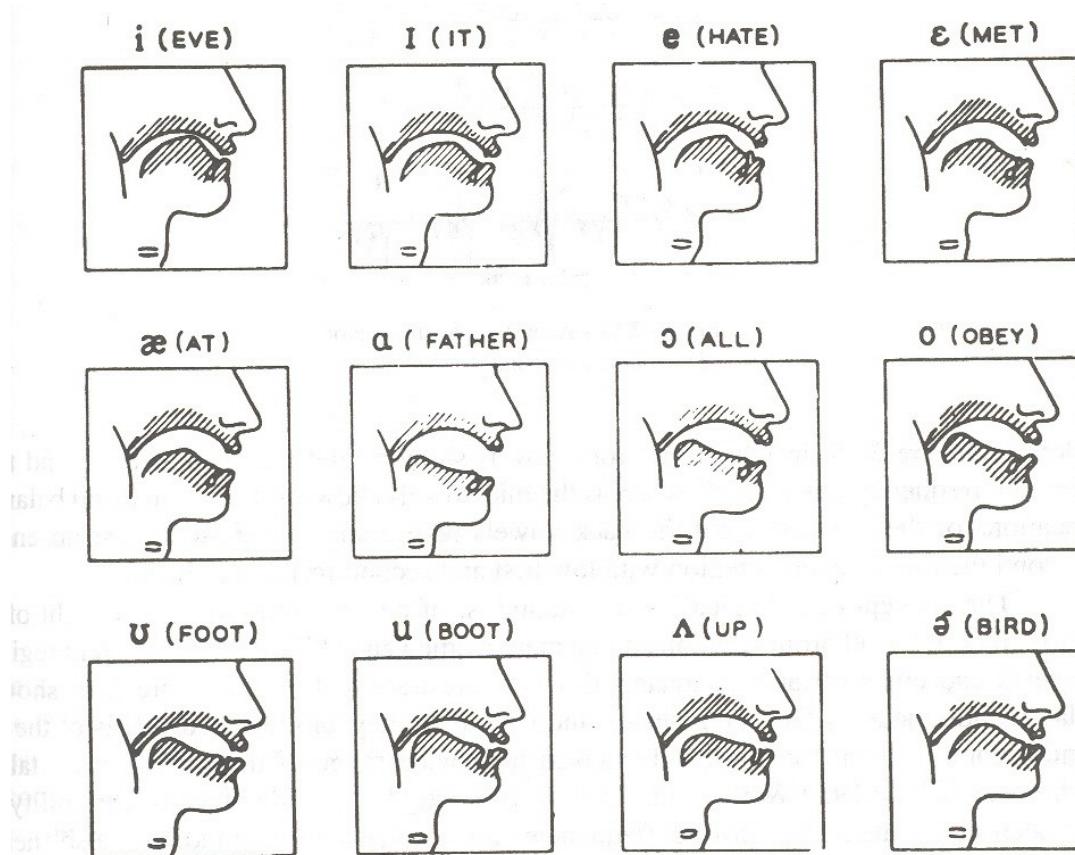
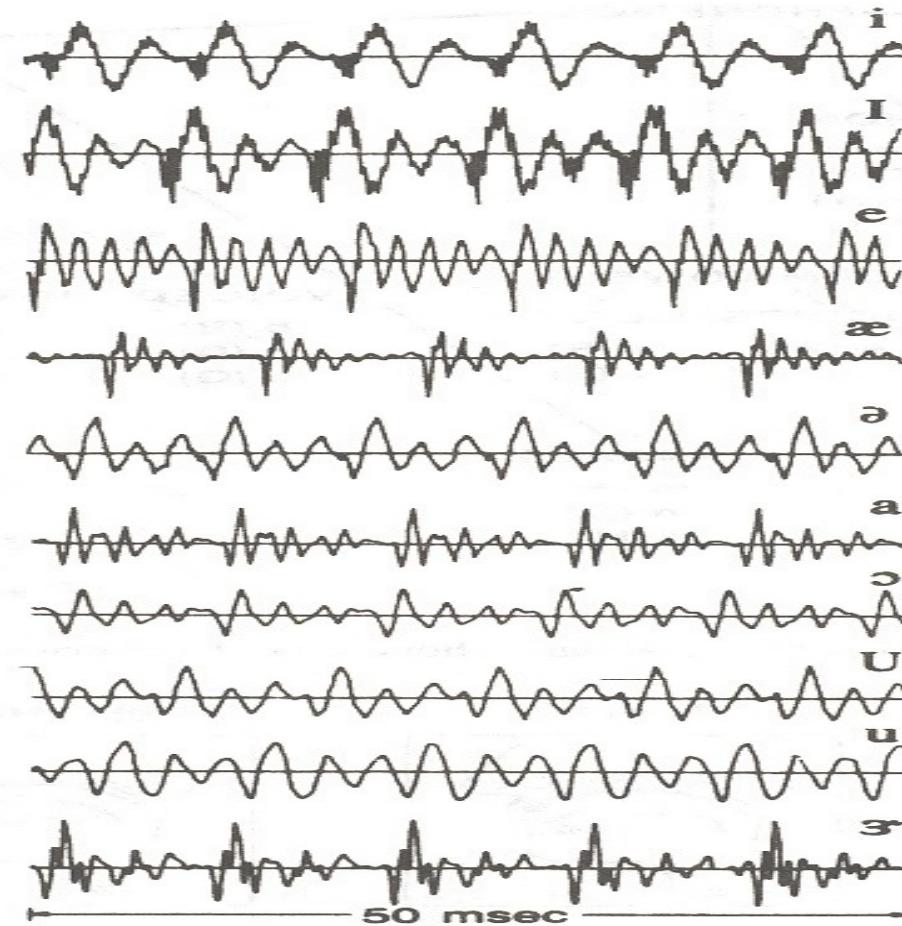


Figure 2.13 Articulatory configurations for typical vowel sounds (after Flanagan [3]).

# Waveform plots for vowel sounds



**Figure 2.14** Acoustic waveform plots of typical vowel sounds.

# Spectrograms for vowel sounds

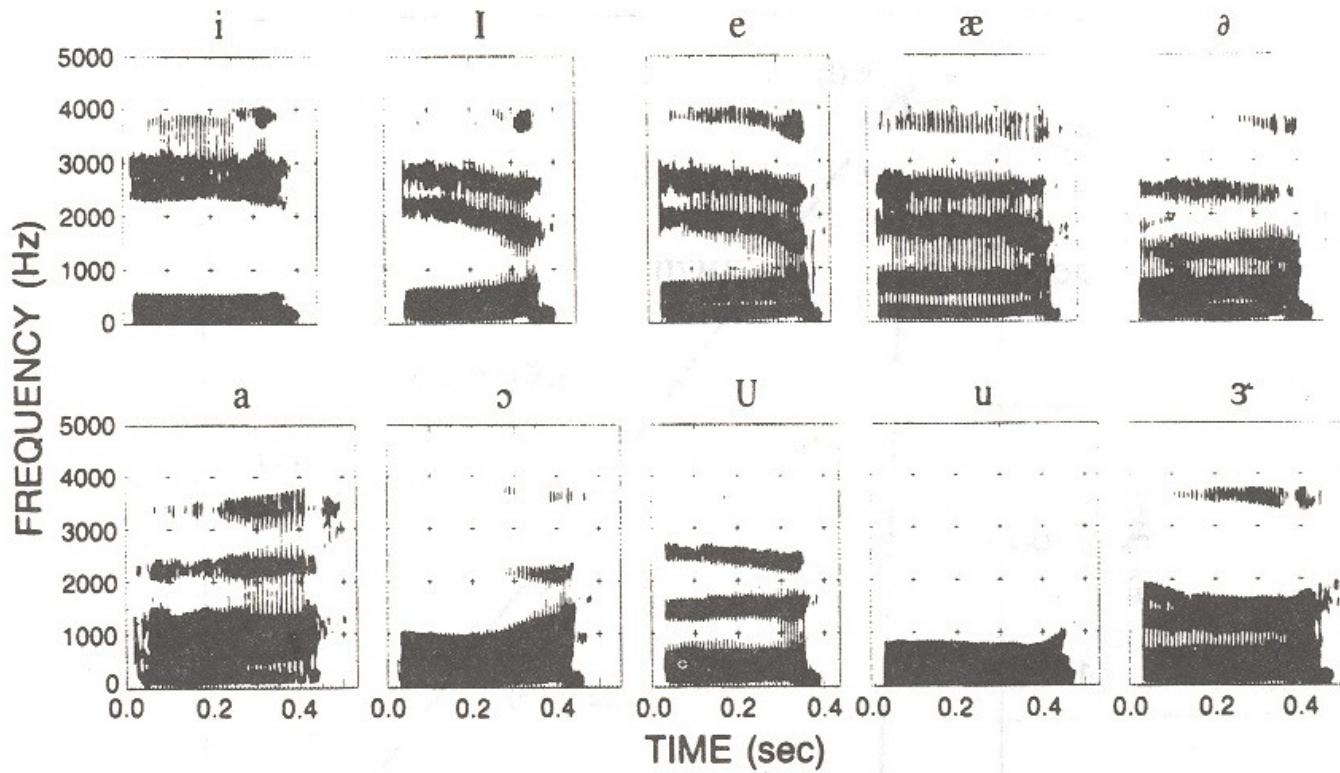
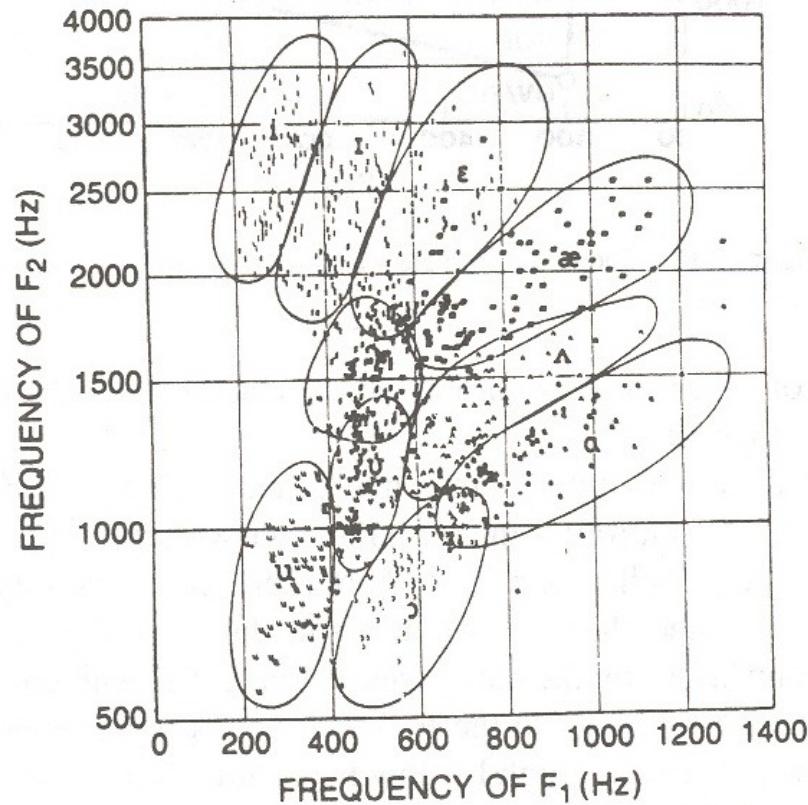


Figure 2.15 Spectrograms of the vowel sounds.

# F1-F2 clusters for vowel sounds



**Figure 2.16** Measured frequencies of first and second formants for a wide range of talkers for several vowels (after Peterson & Barney [7]).

# F1-F2 centroids for vowel sounds

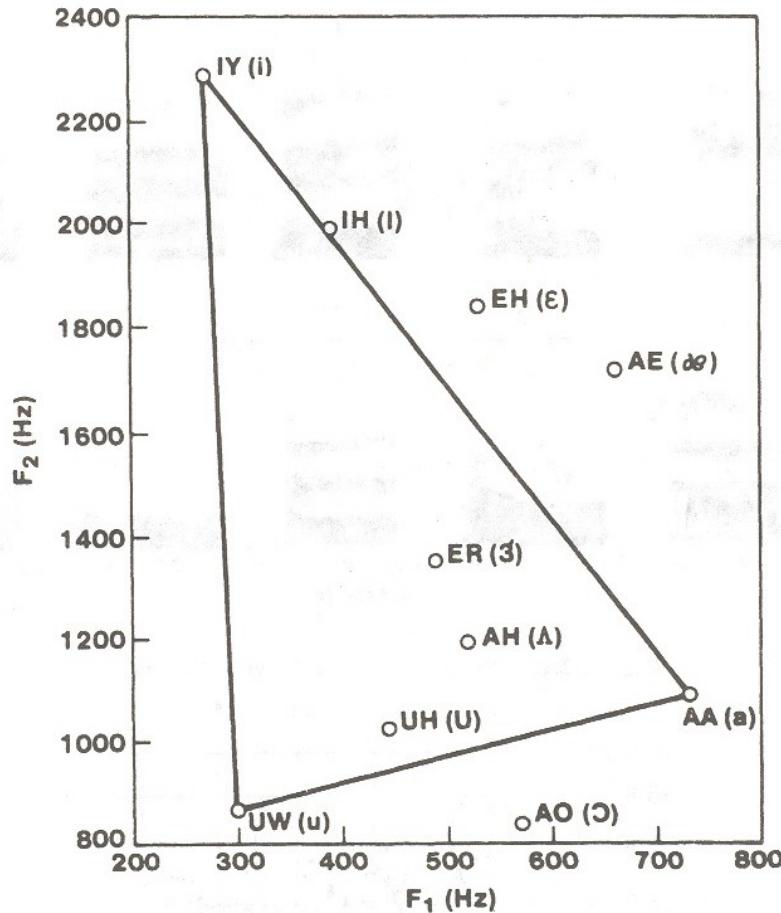


Figure 2.17 The vowel triangle with centroid positions of the common vowels.

# Formant frequencies for typical vowels

TABLE 2.2. Formant frequencies for typical vowels.

| ARPABET<br>Symbol for<br>Vowel | IPA<br>Symbol | Typical<br>Word | F <sub>1</sub> | F <sub>2</sub> | F <sub>3</sub> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| IY                             | /i/           | beet            | 270            | 2290           | 3010           |
| IH                             | /ɪ/           | bit             | 390            | 1990           | 2550           |
| EH                             | /ɛ/           | bet             | 530            | 1840           | 2480           |
| AE                             | /æ/           | bat             | 660            | 1720           | 2410           |
| AH                             | /ʌ/           | but             | 520            | 1190           | 2390           |
| AA                             | /a/           | hot             | 730            | 1090           | 2440           |
| AO                             | /ɔ/           | bought          | 570            | 840            | 2410           |
| UH                             | /U/           | foot            | 440            | 1020           | 2240           |
| UW                             | /ʊ/           | boot            | 300            | 870            | 2240           |
| ER                             | /ɜ/           | bird            | 490            | 1350           | 1690           |

# Spectrograms for diphthongs

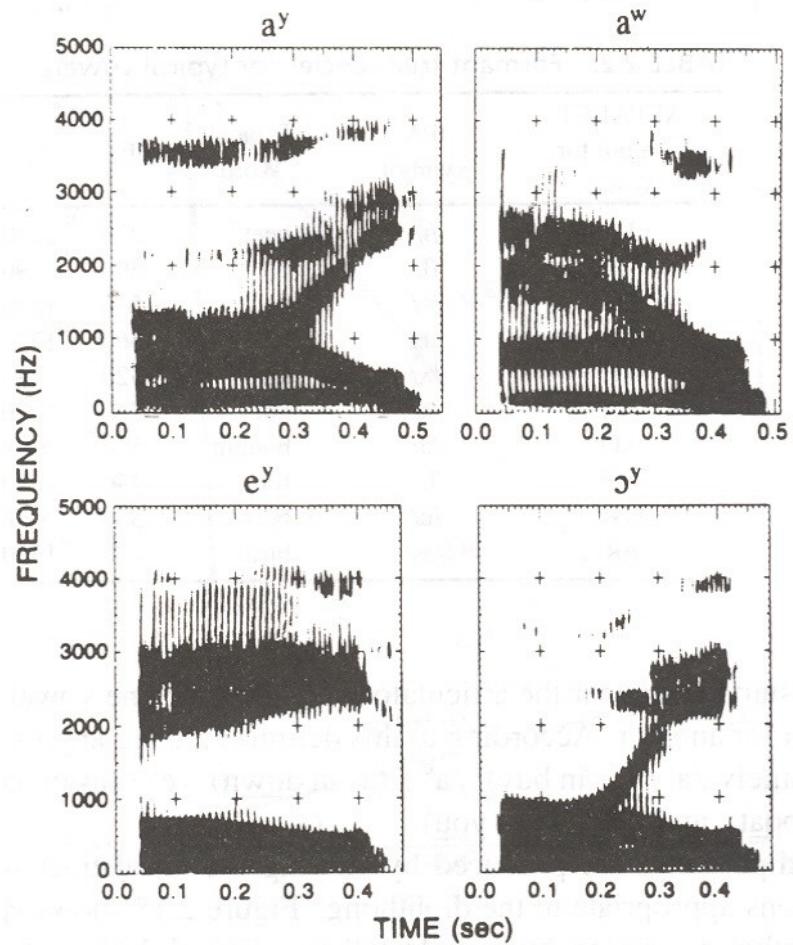
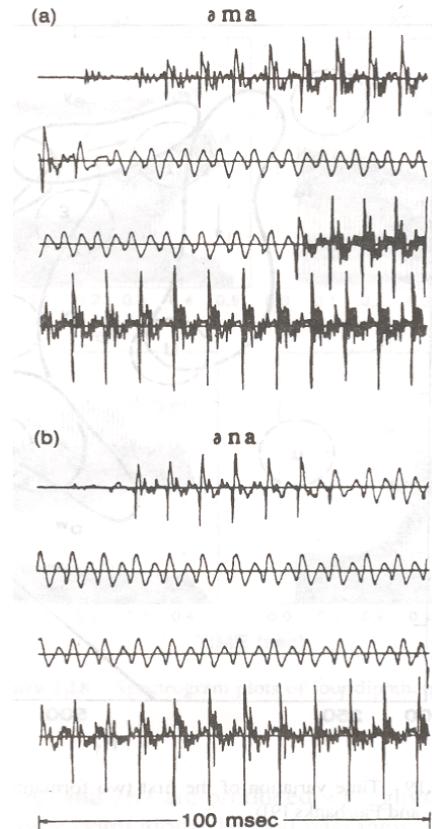


Figure 2.18 Spectrogram plots of four diphthongs.

# Nasal sounds



**Figure 2.20** Waveforms for the sequences /ə-m-a/ and /ə-n-a/. In each case, the vowel /ə/ is followed by the consonant /m/ or /n/ and then the vowel /a/. The nasal murmur is continuous with the vowel.

# Spectrograms of nasal sounds

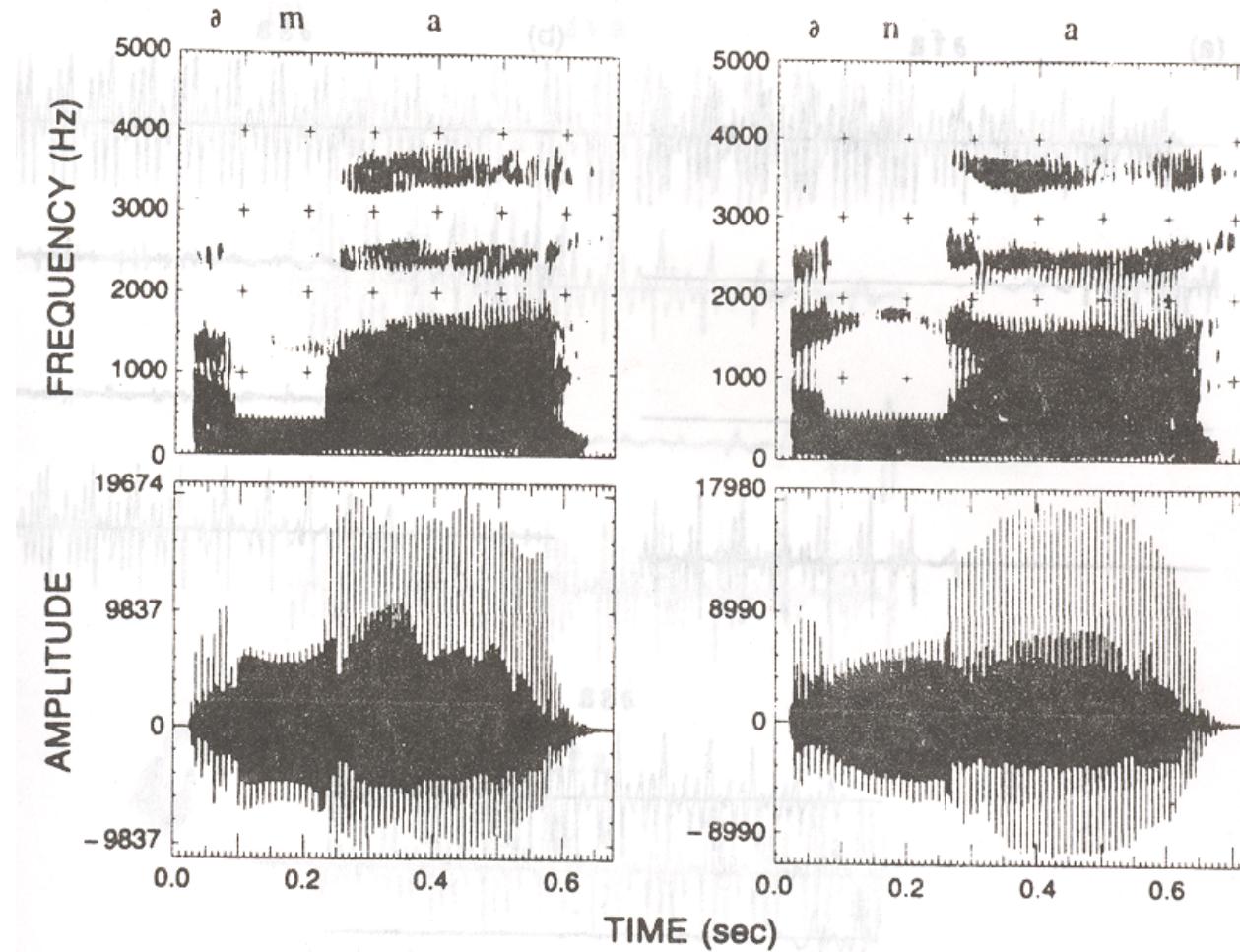
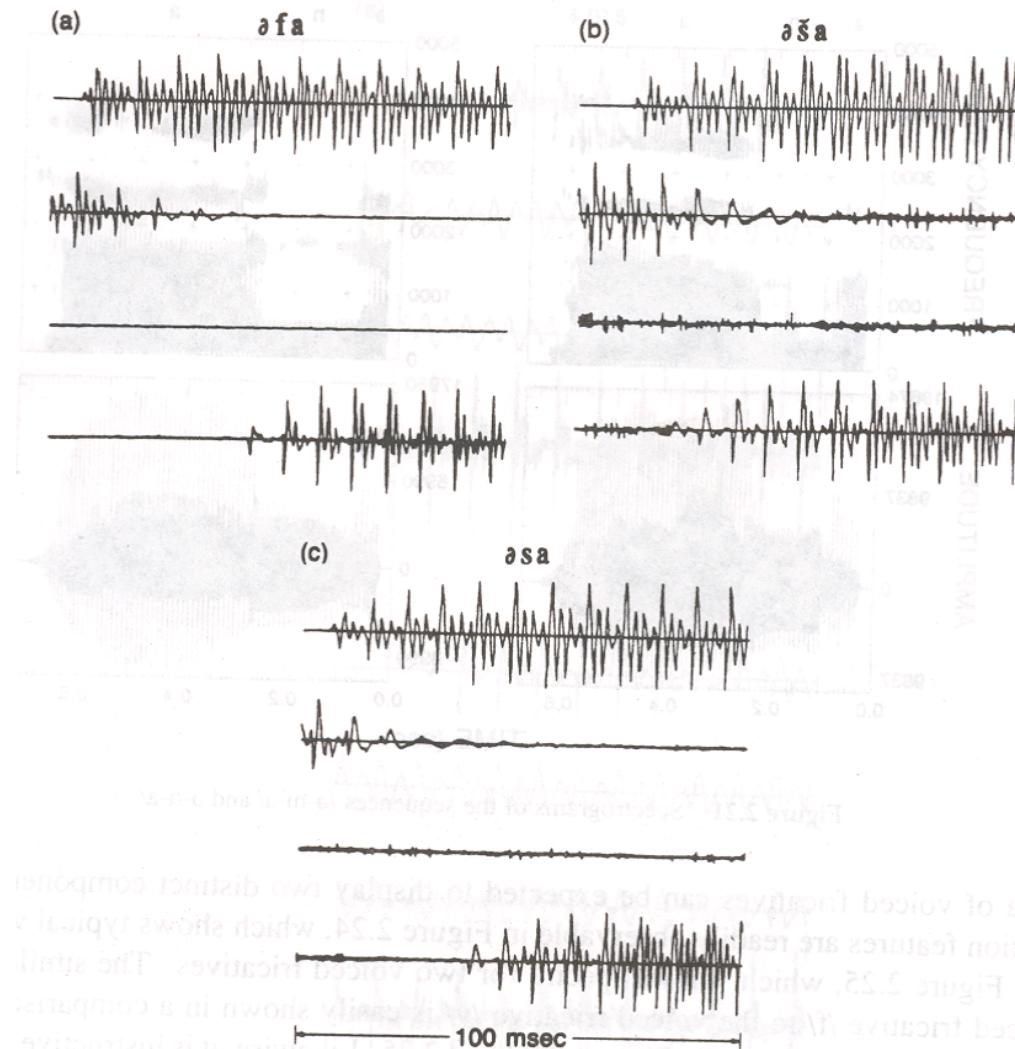


Figure 2.21 Spectrograms of the sequences /ə-m-a/ and /ə-n-a/.

# Unvoiced Fricatives (/f/, /s/, /sh/)



**Figure 2.22** Waveforms for the sounds /f/, /s/ and /sh/ in the context /ə-x-a/ where /x/ is the unvoiced fricative.

# Spectrograms of Unvoiced Fricatives (/f/, /s/, /sh/)

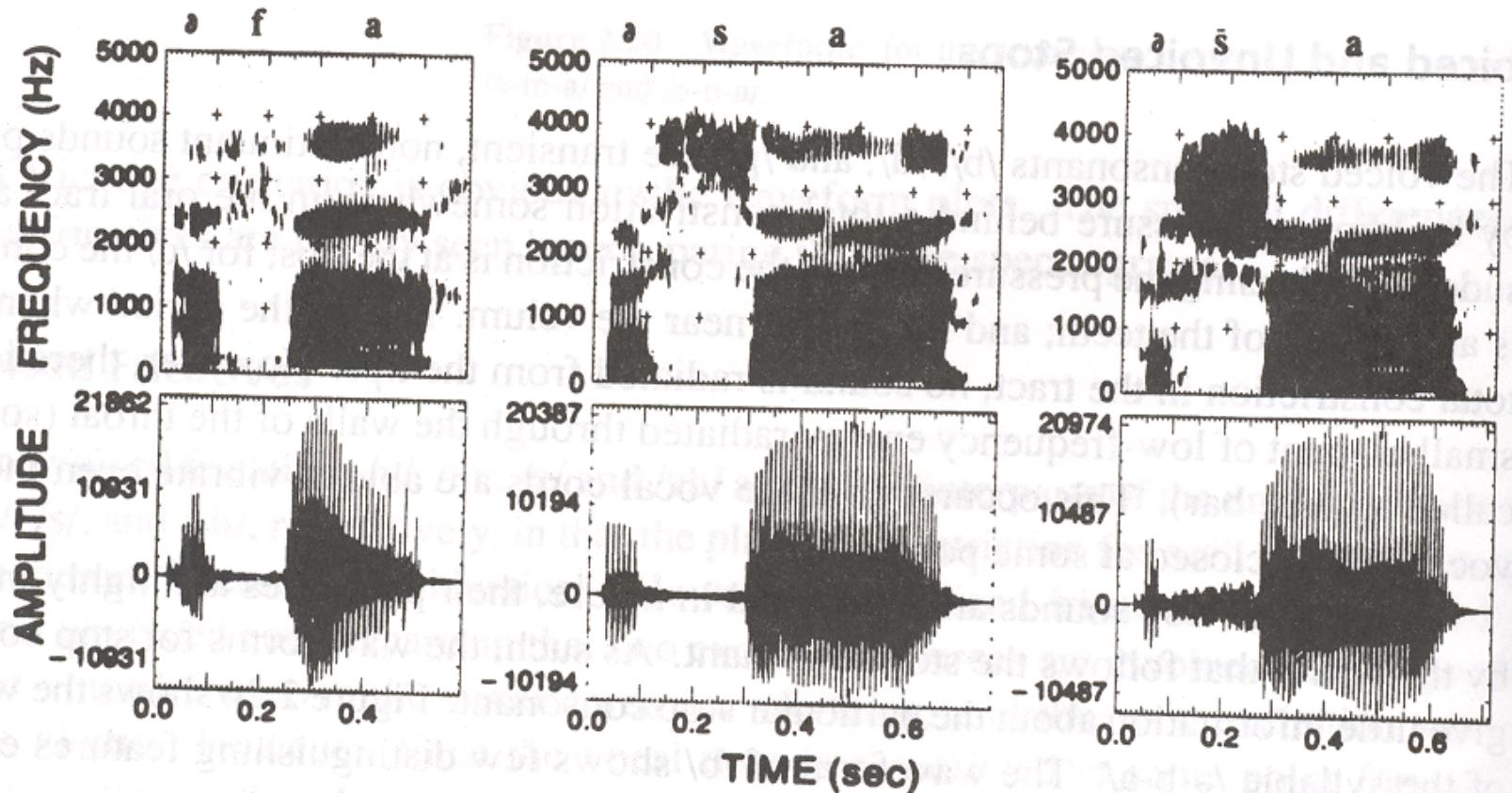
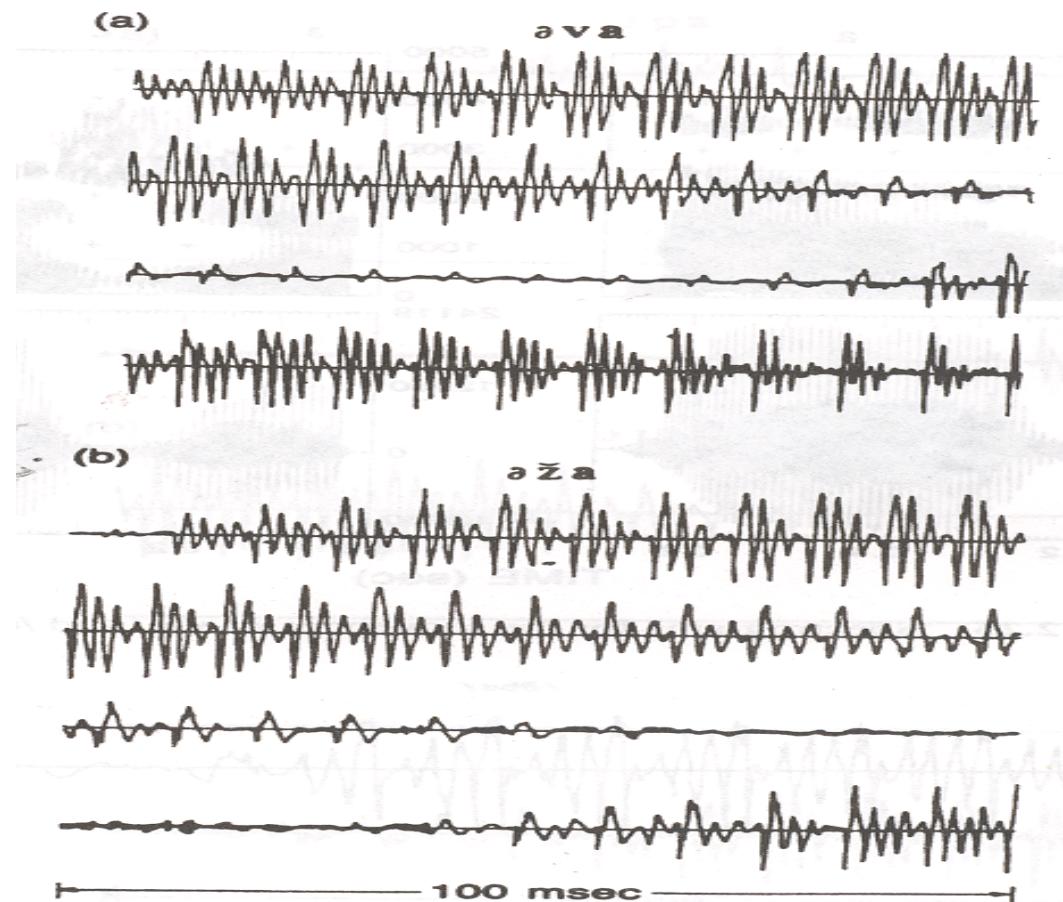


Figure 2.23 Spectrogram comparisons of the sounds /ə-f-a/, /ə-s-a/ and /ə-sh-a/.

# Voiced fricatives (/v/, /z/)



**Figure 2.24** Waveforms for the sequences /ə-v-a/ and /ə-zh-a/.

# Spectrograms for voiced fricatives (/v/, /z/)

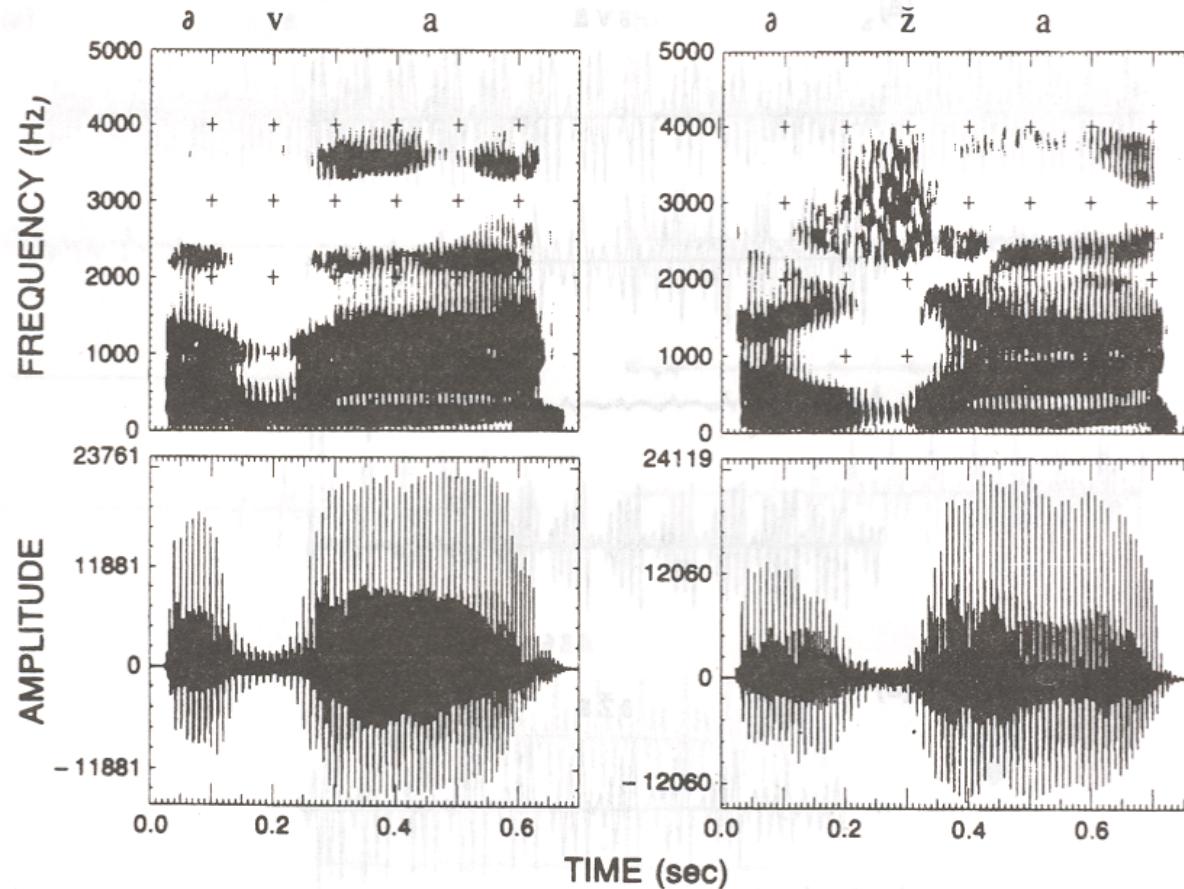


Figure 2.25 Spectrograms for the sequences /ə-v-a/ and /ə-zh-a/.

# Waveform for voiced stop (/b/)

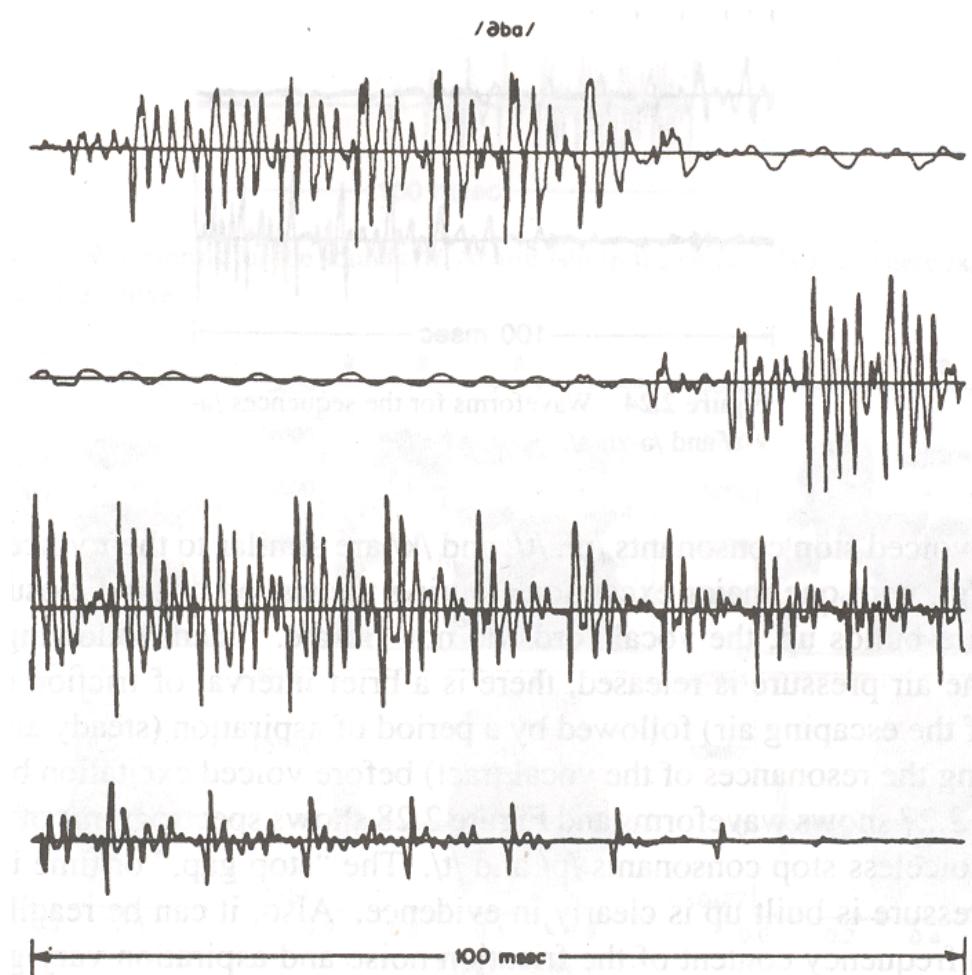
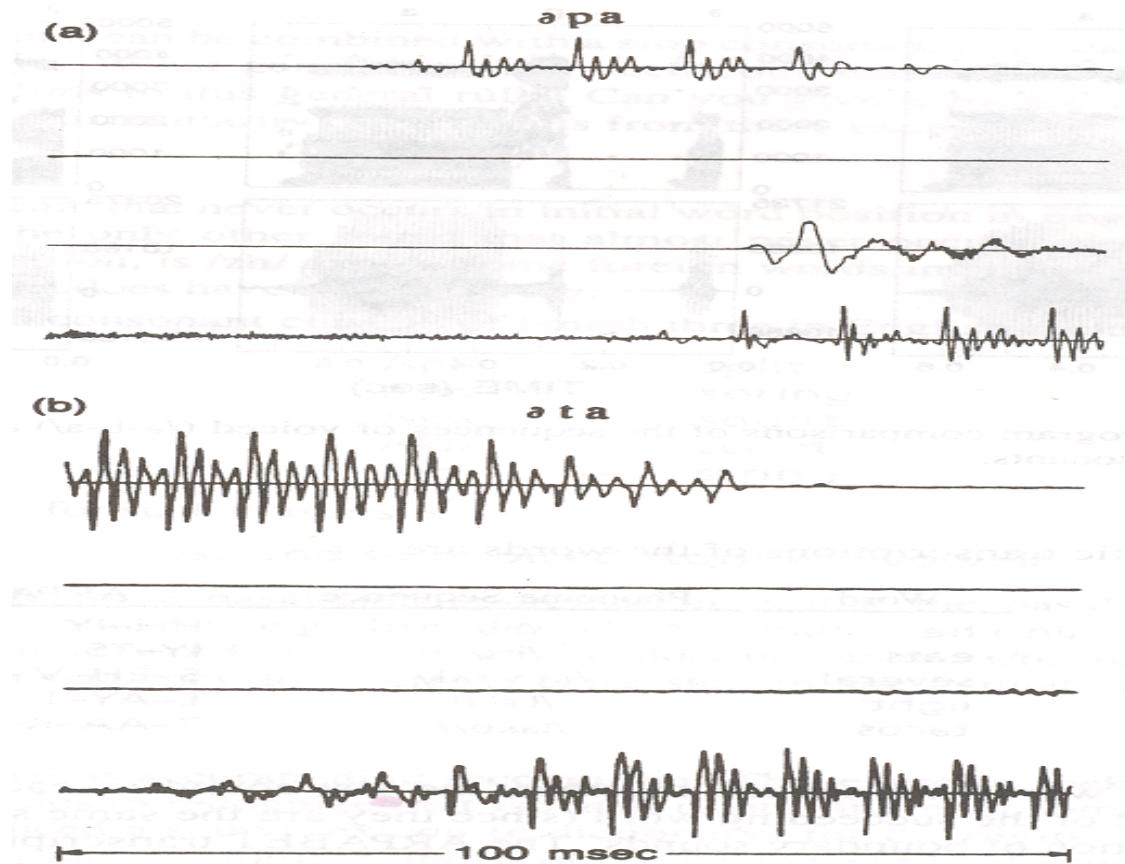


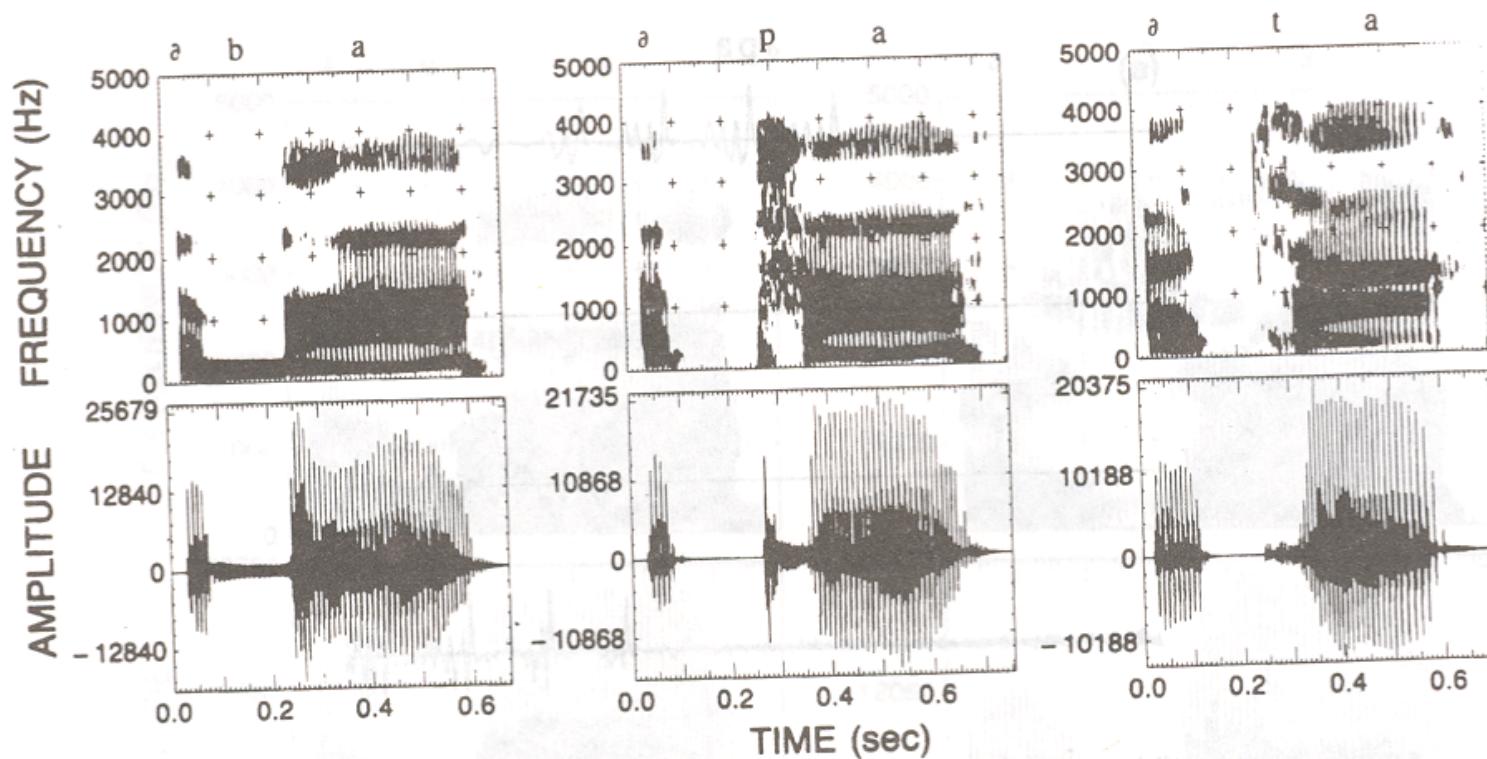
Figure 2.26 Waveform for the sequence /ə-b-a/.

# Waveforms of unvoiced constants (/p/, /t/)

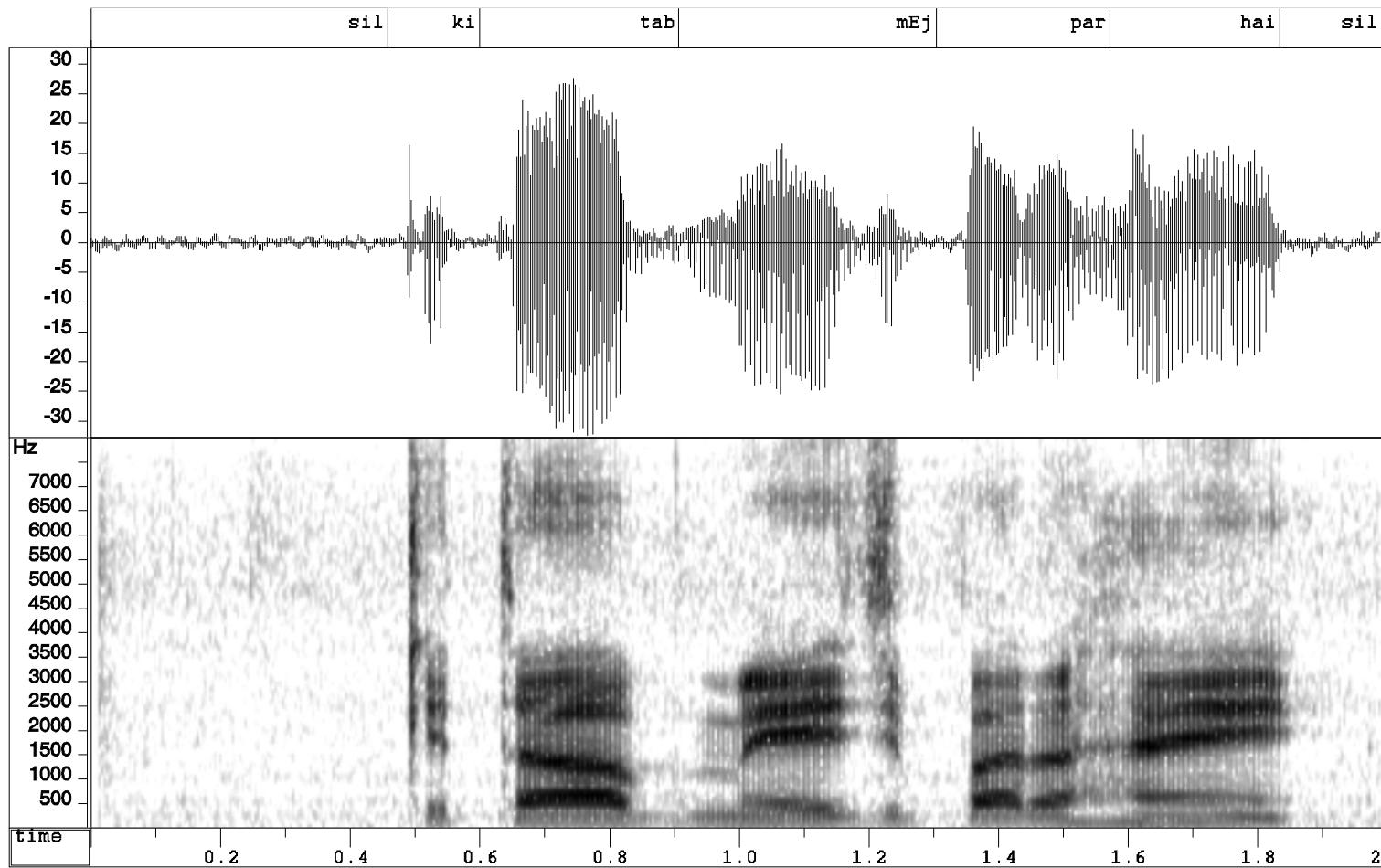


**Figure 2.27** Waveforms for the sequences /ə-p-a/ and /ə-t-a/.

# Spectrograms for stop consonants

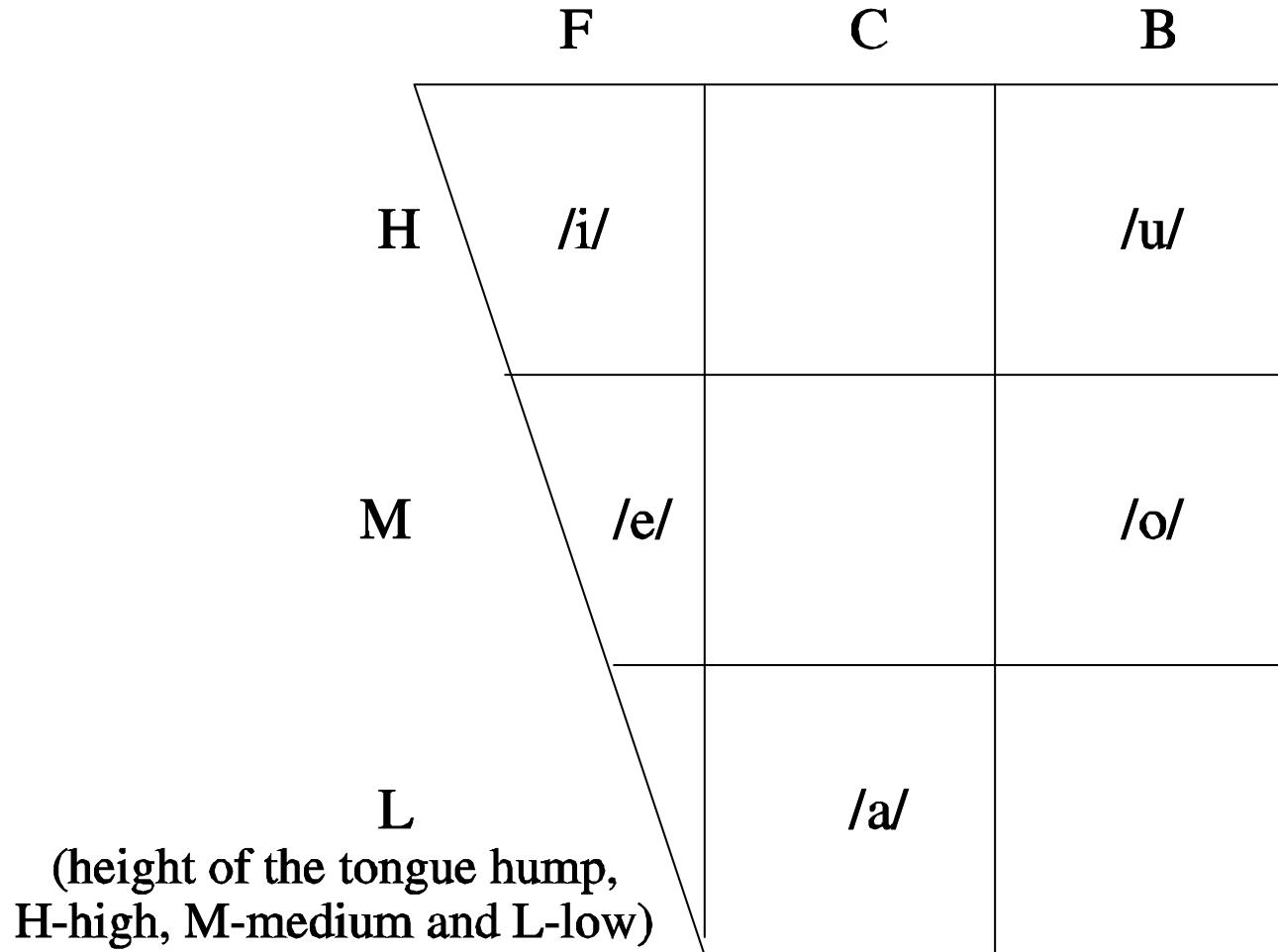


**Figure 2.28** Spectrogram comparisons of the sequences of voiced (/ə-b-a/) and voiceless (/ə-p-a/ and /ə-t-a/) stop consonants.

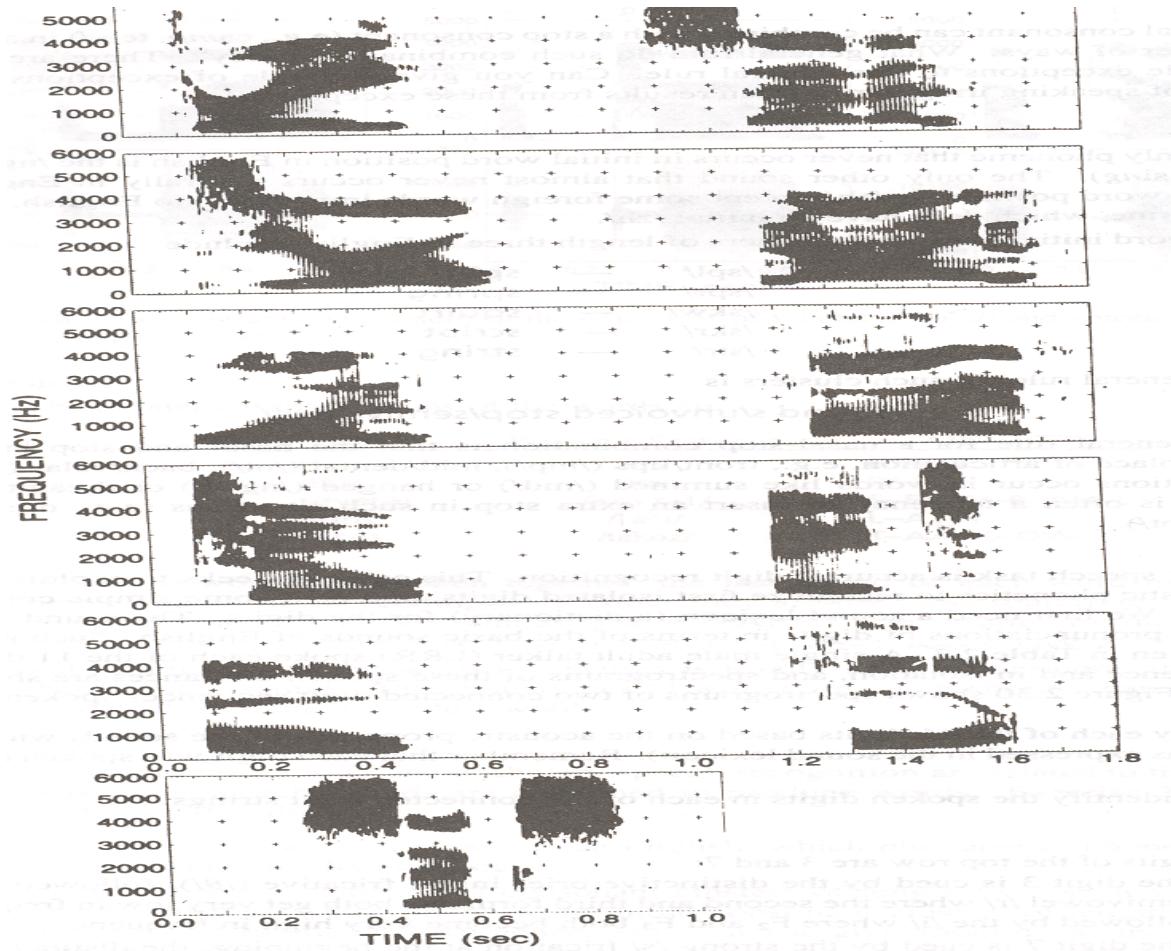


# Vowel diagram

(position of the tongue hump in oral cavity,  
F-front, C-central and B-back positions)



# Spectrograms of isolated digits



**Figure 2.29** Spectrograms of the 11 isolated digits, 0 through 9 plus oh, in random sequence.

# Spectrograms of two connected digit sequences

TABLE 2.3. Sound Lexicon of Digits

| Word  | Sounds               | ARPABET     |
|-------|----------------------|-------------|
| Zero  | /z ɪ r o/            | Z-IH-R-OW   |
| One   | /w ʌ n/              | W-AH-N      |
| Two   | /t u/                | T-UW        |
| Three | /θ r i/              | TH-R-IY     |
| Four  | /f ɔ r/              | F-OW-R      |
| Five  | /f a <sup>y</sup> v/ | F-AY-V      |
| Six   | /s ɪ k s/            | S-IH-K-S    |
| Seven | /s ɛ v ə n/          | S-EH-V-AX-N |
| Eight | /e <sup>y</sup> t/   | EY-T        |
| Nine  | /n a <sup>y</sup> n/ | N-AY-N      |
| Oh    | /o/                  | OW          |

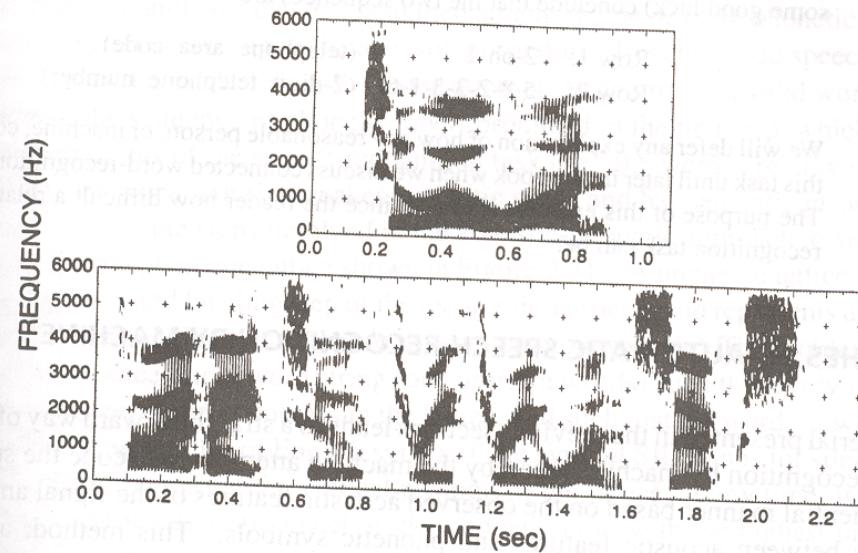


Figure 2.30 Spectrograms of two connected digit sequences.