

Lesson Plan: Phonetics

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ENGLISH MAJOR-101-MODULE-II

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Lecture	Topic	Learning Objectives	Teaching Method	Class Activities
Lecture 1	Introduction to Phonetics	Understand the meaning, scope, branches, and importance of phonetics.	Lecture with PowerPoint	Discussion: Difference between letters and sounds; pronunciation practice.
Lecture 2	Organs of Speech	Identify the speech organs and explain their functions in speech production.	Diagram-based explanation	Label the organs of speech; pair discussion.
Lecture 3	Classification of Speech Sounds	Distinguish vowels, consonants, and semi-vowels.	Lecture with examples	Identify speech sounds from everyday words.
Lecture 4	English Vowel Sounds (Monophthongs & Diphthongs)	Recognize and correctly pronounce English vowel sounds.	Audio demonstration	Pronunciation drill; IPA transcription of simple words.
Lecture 5	English Consonant Sounds	Classify consonants according to place and manner of articulation and voicing.	Lecture with charts	Group activity: Sort consonants by place and manner of articulation.
Lecture 6	IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet)	Learn IPA symbols and transcribe common English words.	Demonstration and practice	IPA transcription exercises; dictionary pronunciation practice.

Lecture 7	Word Stress	Understand stress patterns in English words and their importance.	Lecture with audio examples	Mark stress in multisyllabic words; pronunciation games.
Lecture 8	Sentence Stress and Rhythm	Explain sentence stress and rhythm in spoken English.	Interactive lecture	Read dialogues with correct stress and rhythm.
Lecture 9	Intonation	Identify different intonation patterns in statements, questions, and commands.	Audio-visual presentation	Role-play using different intonation patterns.
Lecture 10	Revision, Practice and Assessment	Review all concepts and evaluate students' understanding.	Quiz and discussion	Oral pronunciation test, IPA transcription, short written quiz.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the basic concepts and importance of phonetics.
2. Identify and describe the organs of speech.
3. Distinguish different English vowel and consonant sounds.
4. Use the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) for transcription.
5. Apply correct pronunciation, stress, rhythm, and intonation in spoken English.

Suggested Reading Books

1. A Course in Phonetics – Peter Ladefoged.
2. English Phonetics and Phonology – Peter Roach.
3. An Introduction to the Pronunciation of English – A. C. Gimson.
4. Better English Pronunciation – J. D. O'Connor.
5. The Study of Language – George Yule.
6. Practical English Phonetics and Phonology – Beverley Collins & Inger M. Mees.
7. A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students – T. Balasubramanian.

Classroom Activities

- Pronunciation practice using minimal pairs (e.g., *ship–sheep*, *bat–bet*).
- Label the organs of speech on a diagram.
- IPA transcription of common English words.
- Read aloud passages with correct pronunciation.
- Pair work on stress and intonation.
- Listening exercises using native speaker recordings.
- Tongue twister competitions to improve articulation.
- Role-play dialogues with proper rhythm and intonation.
- Group quiz on IPA symbols and speech sounds.
- Oral presentation focusing on pronunciation accuracy.