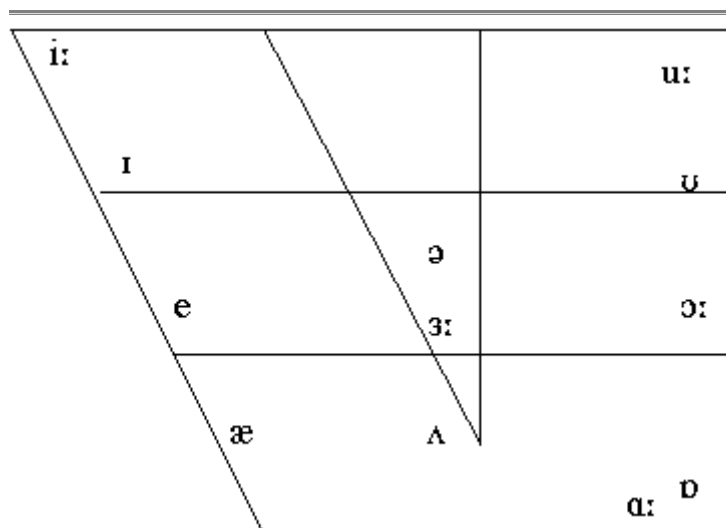
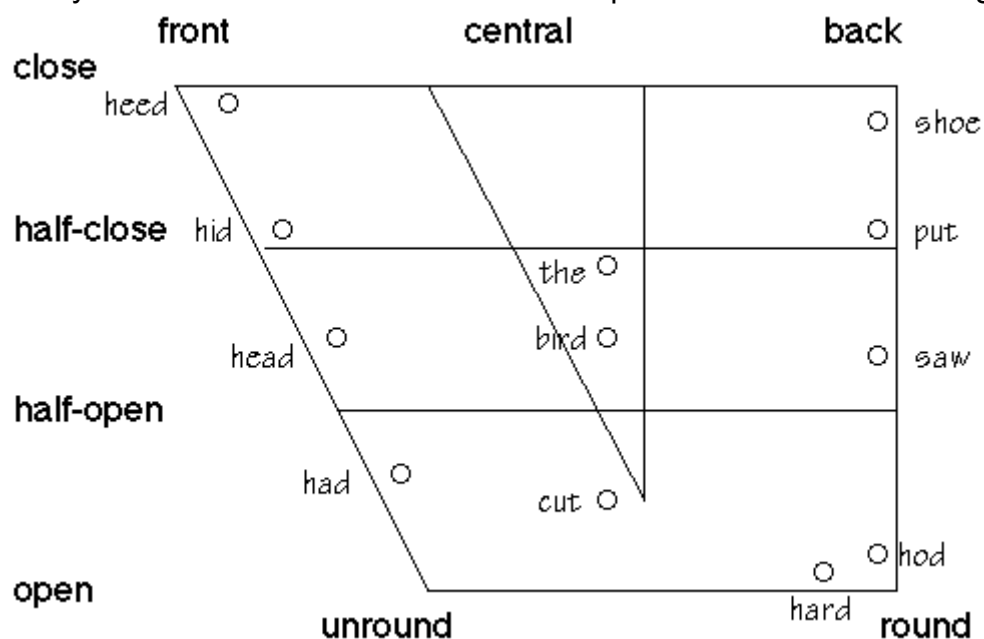


# The Vowels

The vowel chart is a diagram to understand vowel sounds. It tries to represent where the tongue lies in relation to the openness of the mouth when you produce a vowel. So the front closed vowel /i:/ means that your tongue is in a forward position in the mouth, which is in a relatively closed position. Try saying it to yourself and then contrast it with the open back sound in the diagram.



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