

Historical Milestones in Phonetics

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1. Which organization was founded in 1886 by Paul Passy to promote the use of a phonetic alphabet for language teaching?

- A) The International Phonetic Association
- B) The Linguistic Society of America
- C) The Philological Society
- D) The Modern Language Association

2. Who is credited with creating the 'Visible Speech' system in 1867, a set of symbols representing the position of the vocal organs?

- A) Daniel Jones
- B) Alexander Melville Bell
- C) Henry Sweet
- D) Otto Jespersen

3. In 1912, which phonetician published 'The Pronunciation of English', establishing a standard for Received Pronunciation?

- A) John Walker
- B) Peter Ladefoged
- C) Daniel Jones
- D) David Abercrombie

4. The concept of the 'Cardinal Vowel' system, a reference framework for vowel classification, was finalized by which phonetician in 1917?

- A) Daniel Jones
- B) Karl Verner
- C) Ferdinand de Saussure
- D) Rasmus Rask

5. What does the term 'International Phonetic Alphabet' (IPA) primarily aim to provide in its design?

- A) A way to write every word in any language
- B) A unique symbol for every distinctive sound in human speech
- C) A method for teaching deaf students to speak
- D) A system for translating ancient scripts into modern English

6. Which scholar introduced the term 'phoneme' in the late 19th century to distinguish between sound as a physical entity and sound as a functional unit?

- A) Baudouin de Courtenay
- B) Roman Jakobson
- C) Noam Chomsky
- D) Leonard Bloomfield

7. The 'Great Vowel Shift', a massive change in the pronunciation of English vowels, primarily occurred between which centuries?

- A) 11th and 13th
- B) 14th and 18th
- C) 19th and 20th
- D) 7th and 9th

8. Which experimental phonetician developed the 'kymograph' to record the movements of the speech organs during the late 19th century?

- A) Jean-Pierre Rousselot
- B) Wilhelm Wundt
- C) Max Müller
- D) William Jones