

Phonetics Fundamentals

Phonetics · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. What is the study of speech sounds called?

- A) Phonetics
- B) Biology
- C) Chemistry
- D) History

2. Which organ is primarily responsible for producing the vibration that creates vocal sounds?

- A) Lungs
- B) Vocal cords
- C) Teeth
- D) Ears

3. What do we call a basic unit of sound in a language?

- A) Sentence
- B) Paragraph
- C) Phoneme
- D) Letter

4. Which of these sounds is produced by stopping the airflow with the lips?

- A) /p/
- B) /s/
- C) /h/
- D) /l/

5. When producing a vowel sound, what happens to the airflow?

- A) It is completely blocked
- B) It is obstructed by the tongue
- C) It flows freely without obstruction
- D) It is forced through the nose

6. Which part of the mouth helps shape sounds by moving to touch the teeth or roof of the mouth?

- A) Tongue
- B) Ear
- C) Eyelid
- D) Finger

7. What is the term for a sound produced by narrowing the airway to create friction?

- A) Plosive
- B) Fricative
- C) Nasal
- D) Vowel

8. Which of these is a nasal sound where air escapes through the nose?

- A) /m/
- B) /t/
- C) /k/
- D) /b/

9. How many vocal cords are typically located in the human larynx?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Four
- D) Six

10. What system is commonly used to represent speech sounds visually?

- A) Morse Code
- B) International Phonetic Alphabet
- C) Braille
- D) Hieroglyphics

11. Which sound is produced when the tongue taps the ridge behind the upper teeth?

- A) /f/
- B) /n/
- C) /g/
- D) /m/

12. What term describes sounds like /p/, /t/, and /k/ that involve a sudden release of air?

- A) Plosives
- B) Vowels
- C) Nasals
- D) Glides

13. Which part of the body acts as a resonator for speech sounds?

- A) Throat
- B) Fingernails
- C) Toes
- D) Knee

14. Which sound is produced primarily by the vocal cords vibrating without tongue interference?

- A) /h/
- B) /s/
- C) /k/
- D) /p/

15. What is the study of how sounds are organized in a specific language called?

- A) Phonology
- B) Geology
- C) Zoology
- D) Astronomy