

Phonetics Fundamentals

Phonetics · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What is the primary focus of phonetics?

- A) The study of word meanings
- B) The study of grammar rules
- C) The study of speech sounds**
- D) The study of sentence structure

2. Which branch of linguistics deals with the production of speech sounds?

- A) Phonology
- B) Semantics
- C) Syntax
- D) Articulatory Phonetics**

3. The study of how speech sounds are perceived by the listener is called:

- A) Acoustic Phonetics
- B) Auditory Phonetics**
- C) Phonology
- D) Morphology

4. Which of the following is a vowel sound?

- A) b
- B) p
- C) a**
- D) s

5. A consonant sound made by stopping the airflow completely and then releasing it is known as a(n):

- A) Fricative
- B) Nasal
- C) Affricate
- D) Plosive**

6. The International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) is used to:

- A) Represent written languages
- B) Transcribe speech sounds**
- C) Translate words between languages
- D) Diagram sentence structure

7. Which part of the vocal tract is primarily used to produce most speech sounds?

A) The stomach

B) The nose

C) The lungs and vocal tract

D) The hands

8. The vibration of the vocal cords during speech production is called:

A) Articulation

B) Resonance

C) Voicing

D) Diphthongization