Vowels

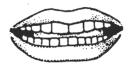
Distinguished by four characteristics:

- Tongue / Jaw height High Mid
- Low
- 2. Tongue position Front Center
- Back

3. Lip rounding Spread

Neutral

Rounded





VS.



4. Lax

/I,ε,æ,Λ,υ/

- a. muscles more relaxed
- b. less tendency to glide
- c. only in closed syllables

Tense

/iy,ey,ow,uw,a,s/

- a. muscles more tense
- b. more tendency to glide
- c. in both open / closed syllables