

Vowel sounds in which there is no appreciable change in quality during a syllable. English has got twelve monophthongs which are like these - /ɪ/, /i:/, /ʊ/, /u:/, /e/, /æ/, /ɜ:/, /ɔ:/, /ɑ:/, /ʌ/, /ɒ/ and /ɜ:/.

10. Diphthongs: Diphthongs are those vowel sounds in which there is a change in quality during a single syllable. English language has got eight diphthongs which are like these - /eɪ/, /aɪ/, /ɔɪ/, /əʊ/, /aʊ/, /ɪə/, /ʊə/ and /eə/.

11. Plosives or Stops: Plosives or Stops are those sounds which are produced with a structure of complete closure and sudden release of air. English has got six plosives - /p/, /b/, /t/, /d/, /k/ and /g/. /p/ and /b/ are bilabial plosives, /t/ and /d/ are alveolar plosives, /k/ and /g/ are velar plosives.

12. Fricatives: Fricatives are those sounds which are produced with a structure of close approximation.