Phonetics: drills and exercises

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Abstract [eng] The present resource book is designed as a supplement to Peter Roach’s (2010) textbook English Phonetics and Phonology: A Practical Course and may be used to accompany lecture courses on English Phonetics at university level. It is equally suitable for self-study and for in-class situation with a teacher. Phonetics: Drills and Exercises gives students practice in pronunciation and transcription of English sounds, enhances their understanding of phonological structures and rules, and improves speaking and listening skills. The resource book consists of 13 units and 7 appendices. Each unit contains the information about the texts to be read on the unit’s topic, a list of key terms, a variety of pronunciation and transcription exercises, online resources for further practice, and study questions which help to revise the material practiced in the unit.


Auditory phonetics – the study of how sounds are perceived as incoming sound signals. The exercises below cover a range of information concerning these areas. When learning sound symbols and transcription, remember that there are different phonetic alphabets, the most familiar of which are the IPA (The International Phonetic Alphabet), the APA (The American Phonetic Alphabet). Most writers for LinguisticsNetwork use the IPA. Extra Resources. To compare the IPA and the APA vowels, click here. For charts, click here. Click here for an IPA chart of English diphthongs. Check out our tutorials for