

Questions for discussion in Chapter 1

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1. Make sure you know what the following terms mean:

voiced; voiceless consonants
vocal tract; nasal tract (the function of the *velic closure*)
alveolar ridge; hard palate; soft palate/velum; velic closure
labial articulations; coronal articulations; dorsal articulations

2. What are the places of articulations? Identify the following positions.

labial; labiodental; dental; alveolar; retroflex; palato-alveolar/post-alveolar
(compare “see” and “she”); palatal (/j/); velar (/k/)

3. What is the “oro-nasal” process?

4. What are the manners of articulation? Identify the following manners.

oral stop; nasal stop; fricative—affricate, sibilants; approximant; lateral
(approximants)
trill/roll (/r/); tap/flap (“city”)

5. What’s the articulation of the English vowel? Identify the following terms.

front vowels; back vowels; rounded (“who’d”); unrounded (“heed”)

6. What’s the difference between “segmentals” and “suprasegmentals”?