### **Word Sounds**

Why they matter, and how they can be FUN to think about!

# **Vowels**

- No constriction of air flow
- Classified by: Height, Backness, Roundedness
- Involvement of teeth, tongue, lips
- Importance (or not!) of precise matching

TARGET VOWELS: the importance of arriving together

# EE IH Tip of Tongue Should Touch Teeth A AH

The Guide to Sing-lish! Handout (Jim Henry)

# **Multiple Vowels within One Word**

Diphthongs: taller vowel first (my, how)

Glides – taller vowel second (we, yet)

Things to consider:

- Timing
- Resonance
- Pitch
- Intensity



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# **Consonants**

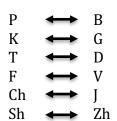
Why are they important? How do they contribute to an open, free sound?

Classified by: Voicing, Place of Articulation, Manner of Articulation

# Things to consider:

- Timing
- Resonance
- Pitch
- Intensity

# **Pairings**



PVM Chart: English			PLACE								
				LABIAL		CORONAL				DORSAL	
	MA	NNER	VOICING	Bilabial	Labiodental	Dental	Alveolar	Postalveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
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