

English as Second Language

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What is Phonetics?

- From the Greek word phone = sound/voice; and tics = study
- A theory about human speech sounds, that we use in speaking - how they are produced, transmitted and received.
- The smallest sound unit, such as a simple vowel or consonant sound is called phone

WHY IS PHONETICS IMPORTANT?

- 1. To give a true description of sounds of English and how they are made.
- 2. To differentiate sounds of English from those of the mother tongue.
- 3. To help improve your English accent, your listening skills, and your ability to communicate effectively with others.
- 4. To point out the mistakes in learner's pronunciation and help them learn the correct form

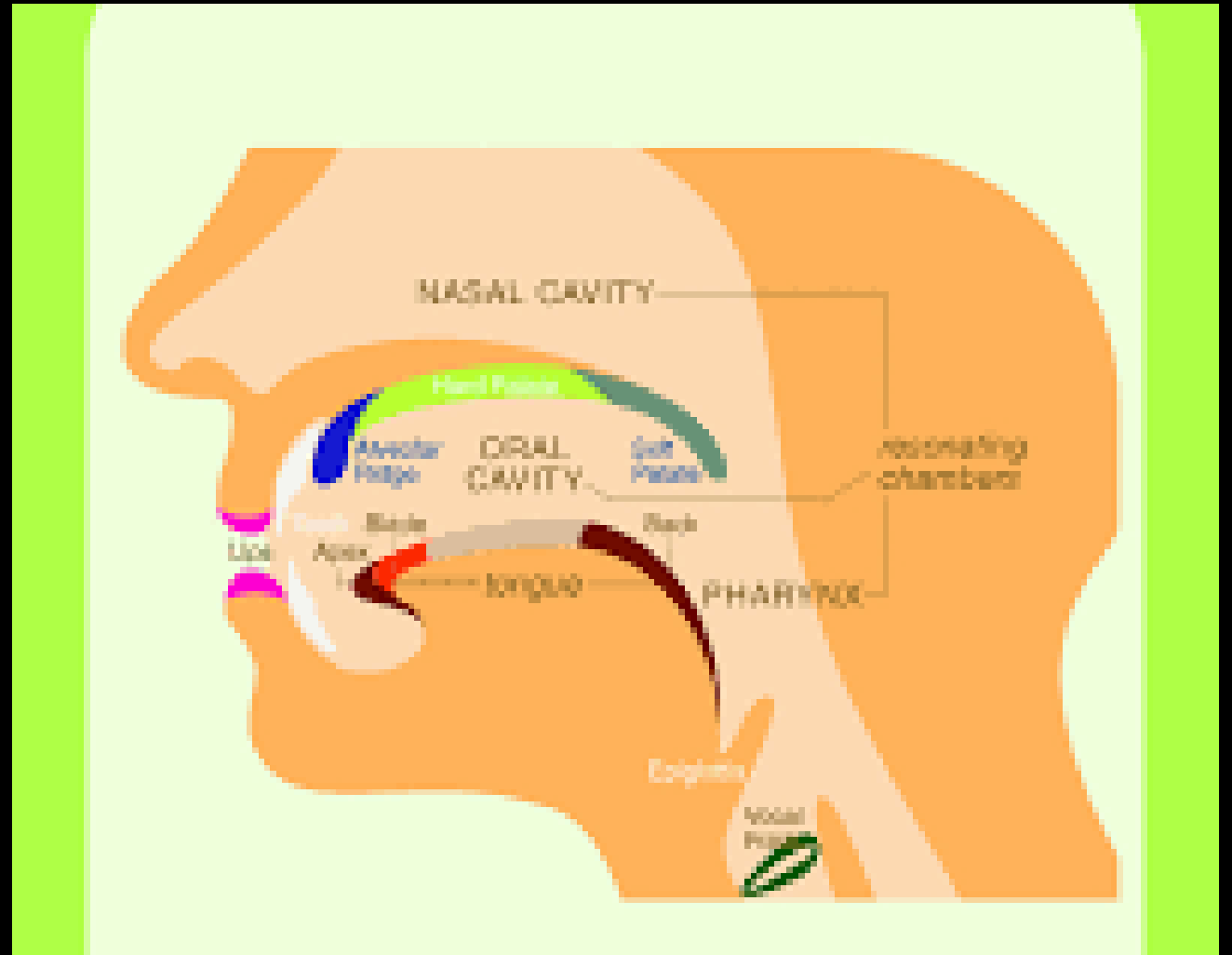
Three branches of Phonetics

- 1. Articulatory Phonetics: How sounds are produced
- 2. Acoustic Phonetics: How sounds are transmitted
- 3. Auditory Phonetics: How sounds are received

ARTICULATORY PHONETICS

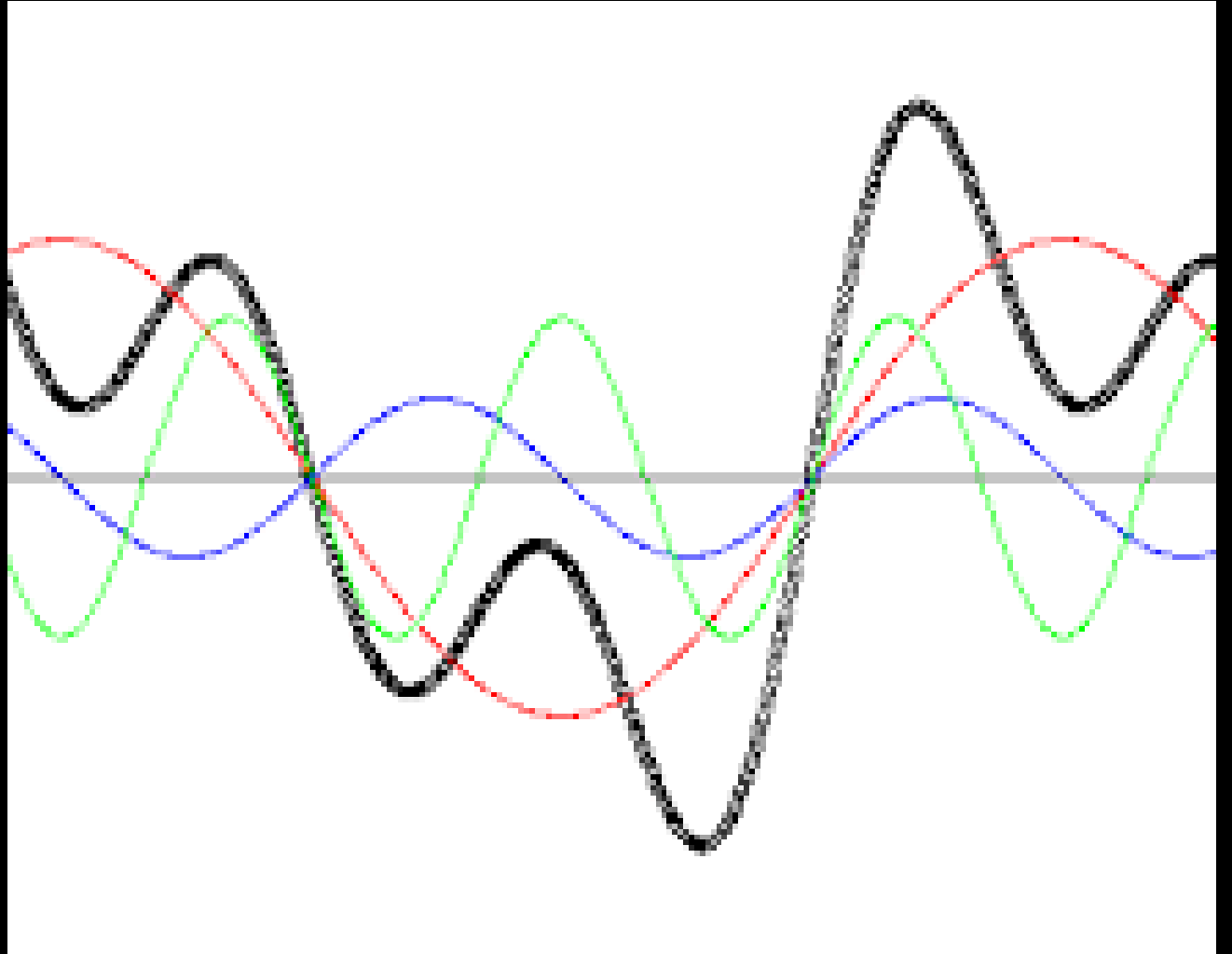
About how the sounds are produced

- Study the positions and movements of the lips, tongue, and other speech organs in producing speech.



ACOUSTIC PHONETICS

- About how the sounds are transmitted
- Study the properties of speech sounds as transmitted between the mouth and ear



AUDITORY PHONETICS

- About how the sounds are received
 - Study the hearing and the perception of speech sounds

