



PLOSIVES

P B K G T D

Description: a consonant produced by stopping the flow of air at some point & suddenly releasing it.

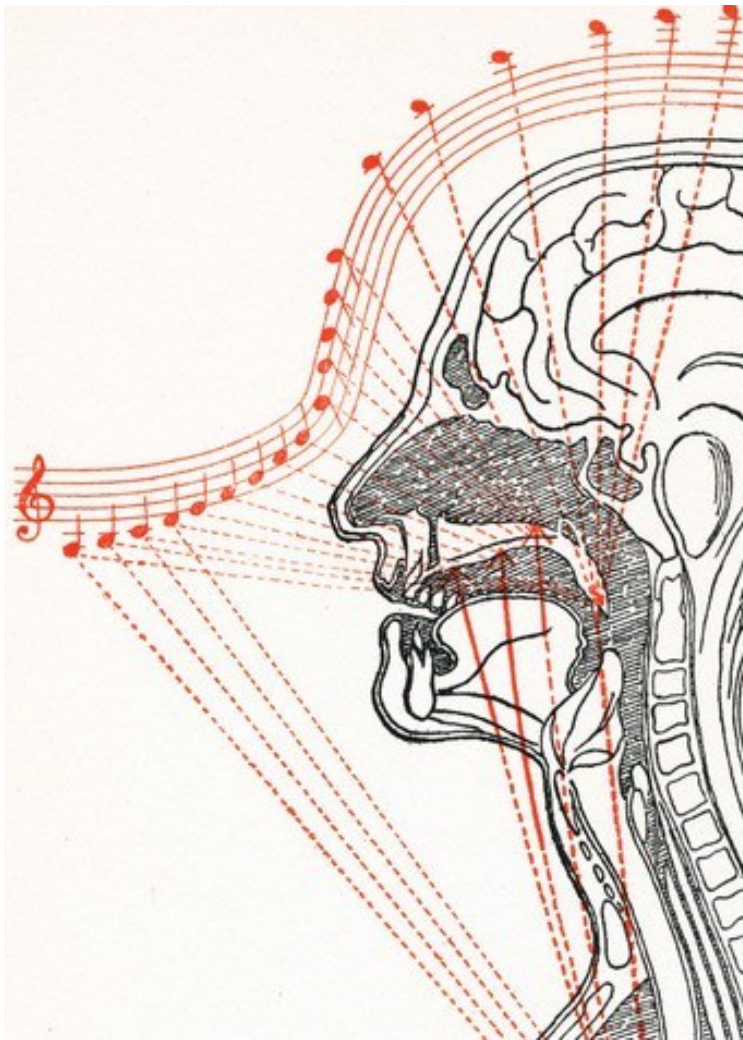


VOWELS

A E I O U

Description: a vowel is a sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, so that the tongue does not touch the lips, teeth, or roof of the mouth.





FRICATIVES

F V FZ S Z

Description: Fricatives are consonants produced by forcing air through a narrow channel made by placing two articulators close together.

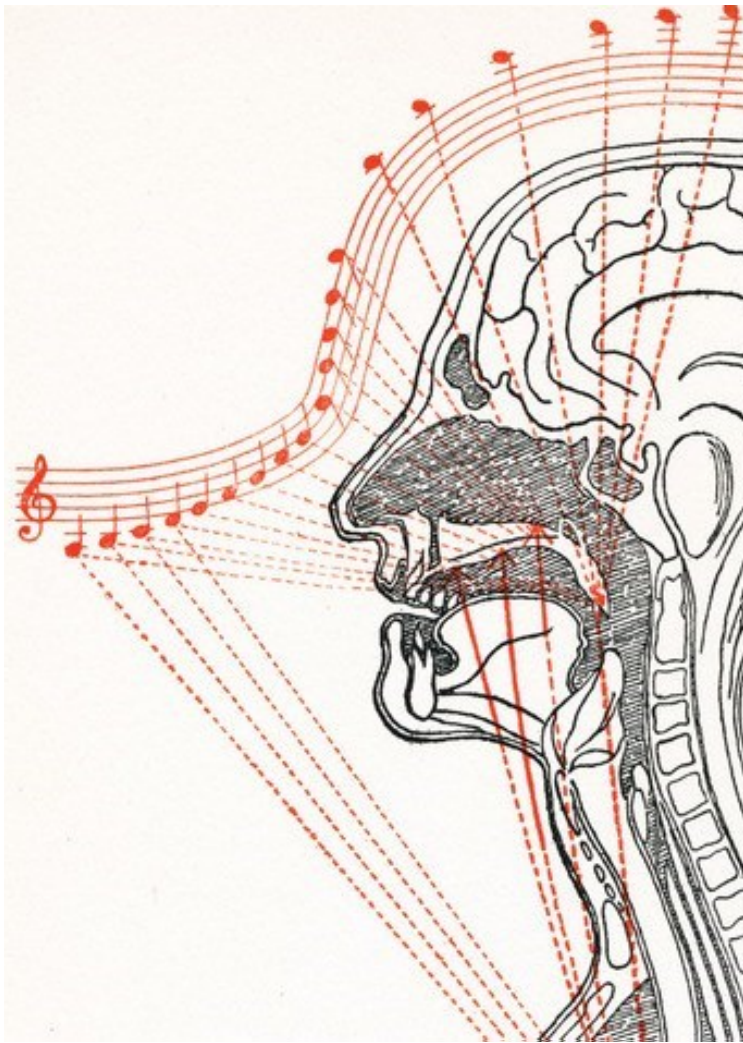


NASALS

M N NG

Description: Nasal speech sounds are formed when the airstream passes through the nose as a result of the lowering of the soft palate (velum) at the back of the mouth.





APPROXIMANTS

W R J

Description: An approximant consonant is a consonant that sounds in some ways like a vowel.



LATERAL

L

Description: a consonant sound produced by raising the tip of the tongue against the roof of the mouth so that the airstream flows past one or both sides of the tongue.



GLOTTAL

H

Description: The voiceless glottal fricative [or voiceless vowel] is a type of sound that often lacks the usual phonetic characteristics of a consonant.

