

# **The English Vowel System**

**How Do You Say That?  
Volume 1**

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## INTRODUCTION

### **The Purpose of This Curriculum**

- ◆ *To develop English pronunciation skills*
- ◆ *To focus on the English Vowel System*
- ◆ *To understand the spoken form (pronunciation) as it relates to the written form (spelling) of English Vowels.*

### **Who This Curriculum Is For**

- ◆ adults learners
- ◆ high beginners to advanced learners (Canadian Language Benchmarks 3-9)
- ◆ ESL or EFL settings –this curriculum is suitable for either ESL (English as a Second Language) or EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teaching.

### **How Much On-Task Time This Curriculum Provides For**

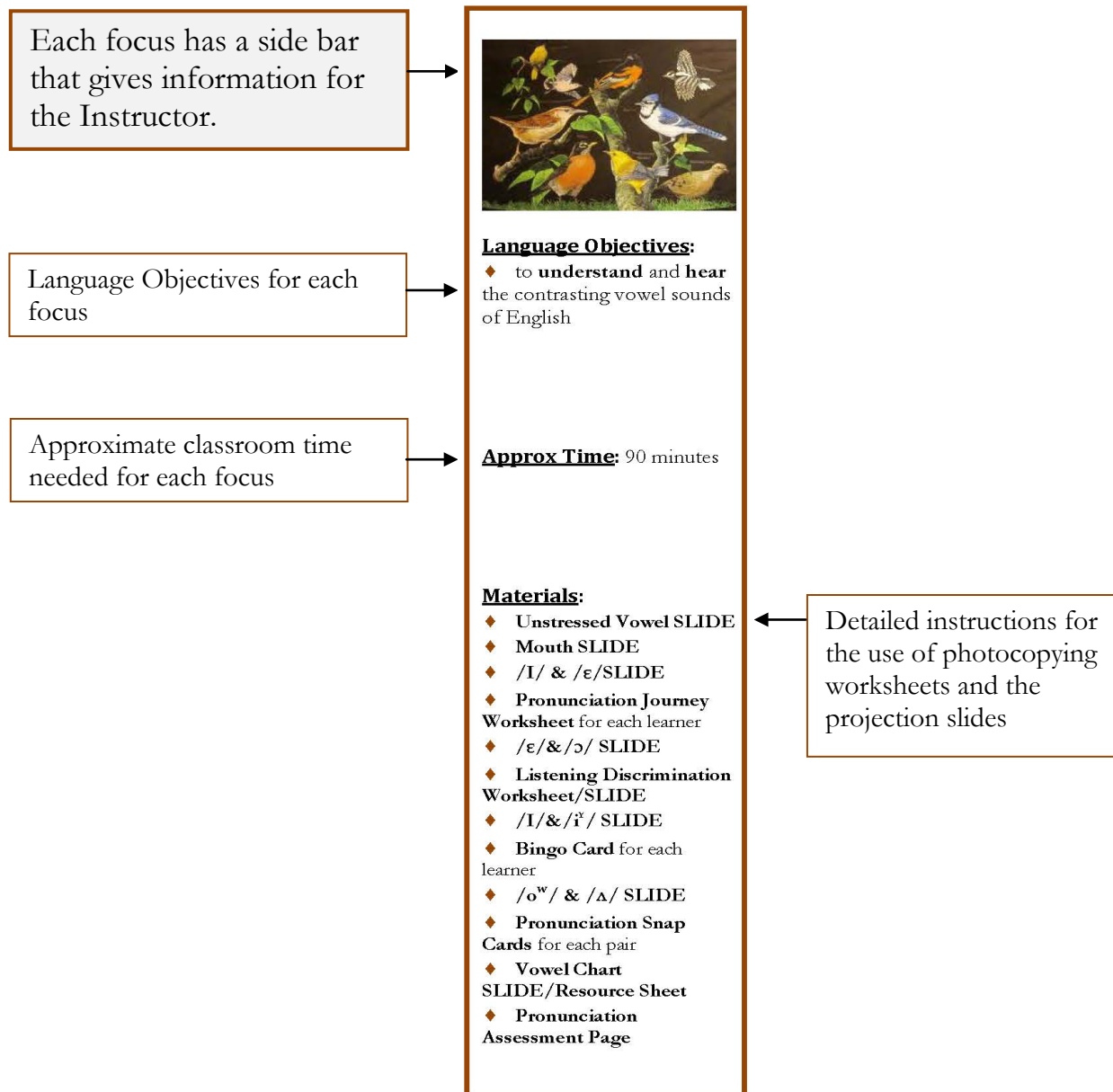
- ◆ whole curriculum 20-25 hours
- ◆ each focus is approximately 1.5 hours of on-task class time

## USER GUIDE

- This curriculum contains twelve units of study.
- The units guide the learners through the process of learning the English vowel system by focusing on important aspects of the system.
- **The unit is most effective when the tasks are done sequentially.**

### **Focus Instructions:**

Each focus is presented with clear step-by-step instructions for the instructor.



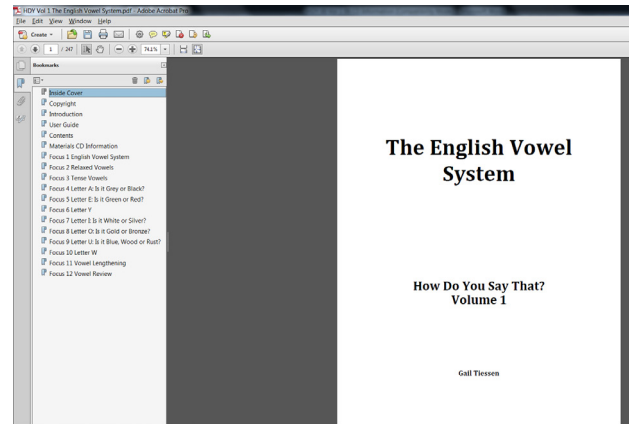
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- Place your cursor (☞) on the **Bookmark panel** (on the left side of the screen) and *click* **Focus 1 English Vowel System** to go to this focus.
- When on the Bookmark Panel *click* on the +sign and a list of the tasks for the specific focus is visible; *click* any one of the tasks and you will immediately go to that task.
- On the **Content Page**, *click* on any **Title** and the specific page will appear.
- This navigation system continues throughout the entire curriculum.
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