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Part 2
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Introduction

The Purpose of This Curriculum

Part 1:

- ♦ 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

Part 2:

- To develop English pronunciation skills
- ◆ To focus on the English Consonant System
- ◆ To understand the spoken form (pronunciation) as it relates to the written form (spelling) of English Consonants

Part 3:

- ♦ To develop the beat of stressing and reducing syllables and/or words
- ◆ *To focus on the rhythm of differing time given to sounds*
- ◆ To understand the rising and falling tones applied to words, phrases and sentences

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

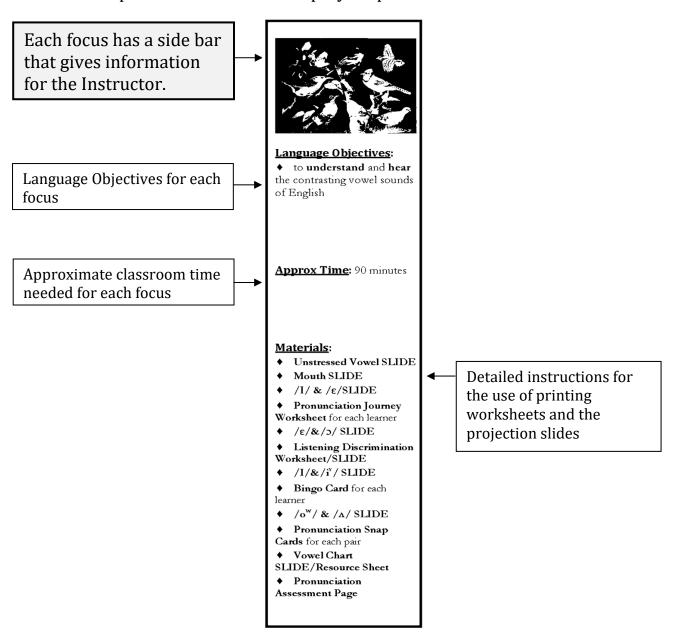
- ◆ Each Part (1, 2,3) is approximately 20-25 hours
- each focus is approximately 1.5 hours of on-task class time

User Guide

- This resource has three parts of study: Part 1: 12 Foci, Part 2: 14 Foci, Part 3: 12 Foci
- Each part guides the learners through the process of learning the English vowel system, the English consonant system and the melody of English by focusing on important aspects of the system.
- Each Part 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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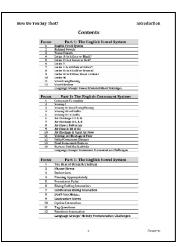
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- When on the Bookmark Panel *click* on the +sign and a list of the tasks for the specific focus is visible; *click* any one of the tasks and you will immediately go to that task.
- On the **Content Page**, *click* on any of the **differing Parts** and the specific Part will appear.
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