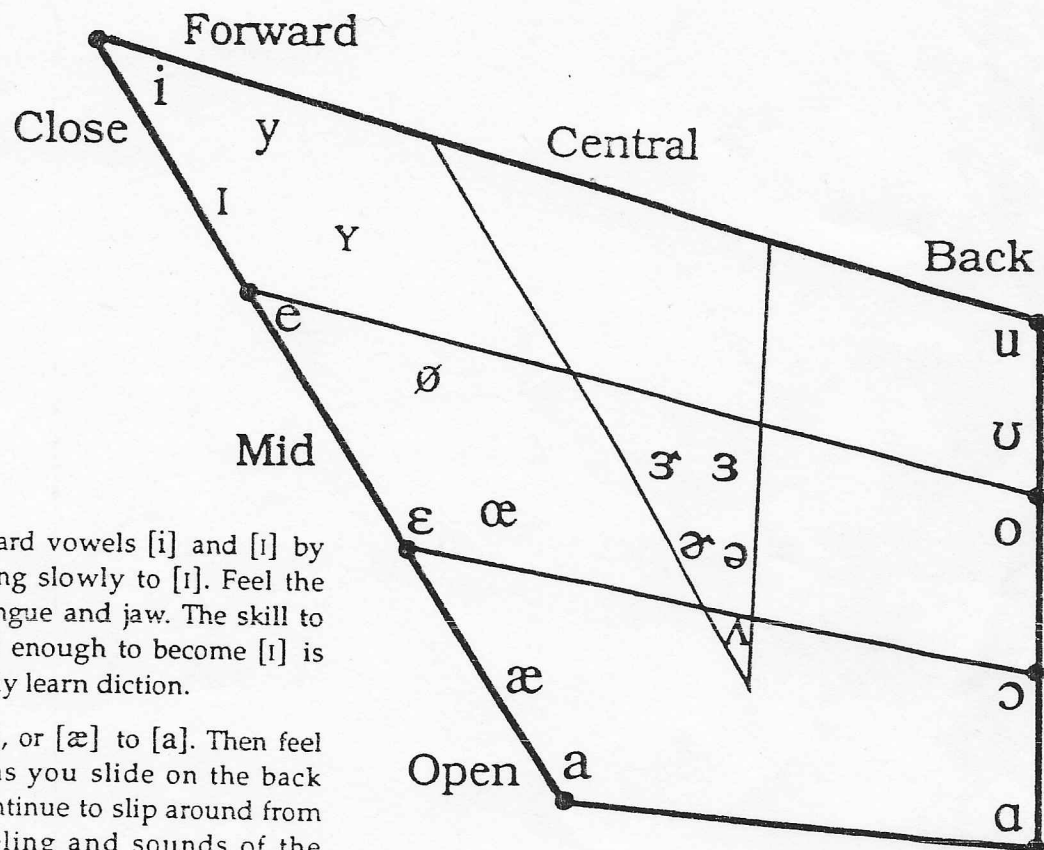


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Vowel Diagram



Explore the articulation of the two forward vowels [i] and [ɪ] by sustaining an [i] sound and then sliding slowly to [ɪ]. Feel the gradual and tiny movements of your tongue and jaw. The skill to discern when the [i] has finally opened enough to become [ɪ] is typical of the skills required to successfully learn diction.

Do the same exploration from [e] to [ɛ], or [æ] to [a]. Then feel the movements of your lips and jaw as you slide on the back vowels from [u] to [ʊ], or [o] to [ɔ]. Continue to slip around from vowel to vowel to experience the feeling and sounds of the adjoining vowels on the Vowel Diagram.