

Moot Points in the System of English Phonemes. Unsolved Problems

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Consonants

- 1). **[w]** – [] wh
which – witch
[] []t [] – [w]t []
- 2). **affricates** [t], d]
British linguists: [t], d], ts, dz, tr,
dr]

Uniphonemic sound combinations

- 1. must stand as a whole in a phonemic opposition;
- 2. must belong to the same morpheme and syllable;
- 3. the articulation must be shifting.
 - . a). [t□, d□] [t□e□n - me□n - se□n]
 [k□:t □ □□p]
 - b). [ts, dz] [kæts - bedz]
 [z□:] ([ts□:])
 - c). [tr, dr] [kra□ - tra□ - dra□]

Vowels

□ 1). Diphthongs

[be□ - ba□ - bi: - b□:]

[□p□□ | r□] [□□]

fju: - fju:□ [□□nflu□nts - □□nflu |
□□nt□l]

□ 2). A neutral vowel [□]

[□□:m□ - □□:m□] (armour)

[□□bd□□kt - □bd□ekt] [□]

Thank you!