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В пособии рассмотрены теоретические аспекты фонетики английского языка, отражены современные теории фонемы, слога, просодической системы. Материал изложен с позиций современной науки, описаны основные составляющие фонетического строя английского языка. Каждая глава завершается упражнениями по изученной теме и списком рекомендуемой литературы. Таблицы, рисунки обеспечивают наглядность и доступность учебного материала, образцы контрольных работ и требования к результатам освоения дисциплины дают возможность овладеть материалом самостоятельно.

Настоящее учебное пособие предназначено для студентов, изучающих английский язык, преподавателей английского языка.

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## Introduction

The Course of Theoretical Phonetics introduces students to the International Phonetic Alphabet and other popular transcription systems, to the syllabic structure of English, the distribution of stress within a word, word-group, etc.; gives a clear insight into the consonant and vowel systems; describes the suprasegmental parts of phonetic material, such as syllables, intonation and its components.

The course is taught through lectures, class discussions, practical tasks, laboratory sessions, oral presentations and test work .

This textbook has several aims:

- to help learners of English organize their self-study by learning and using the fundamental principles of Phonetics and the Phonological system of the English language, and by understanding the basic segmental and suprasegmental linguistic phenomena, constituting phonemic level,
- to provide with different scholars' opinions on phonetic phenomena,
- to develop practical skills of pronunciation issues through practical-oriented tasks,
- to increase interest and motivation of the students in applying the concepts of Theoretical Phonetics to practical tasks, including language teaching,
- to highlight the importance of suprasegmental properties of speech while conveying a thought, which may reveal the speaker's social background, the speaker-listener relationship, degree of interest or involvement in the situation, attitudinal characteristics: assertiveness, concern, sarcasm, surprise, etc

To successfully complete the course, students are required:

- to attend the lectures and seminars;
- to participate in class discussions, demonstrating an appropriate level of understanding of the discussed issues ;
- to complete practical assignments ;

- to complete a final written test which involves all the studied material and includes two of the theoretical aspects of the course
- to sit a final test which consists only of the theoretical aspects of the course