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Review

“The book is of interest to teachers and would help to develop readers' perception of speech production and their competence in spoken English. It is a 'must have' book that adds richness and knowledge to individuals and libraries.” (*Linguist*, 31 October 2012)

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“This book conveys an amazing range of current science, including phonetics, psycholinguistics, and speech technology, while being engaging and accessible for novices. This edition maintains Ladefoged's friendly, enthusiastic style while adding important updates.” - *Natasha Warner, University of Arizona*

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“This is a fascinating, accessible, and reader-friendly book by a master phonetician, about how speech sounds are made, and how they can be analyzed. I warmly recommend the book to everyone with an interest, professional or otherwise, in spoken language.” - *John Laver, Queen Margaret University College*

From the Back Cover

This popular introduction to phonetics describes how languages use a variety of different sounds, many of them quite unlike any that occur in well-known languages. Peter Ladefoged rightly earned his reputation as one of the world's leading linguists, and students benefitted from his accessible writing and skill in communicating ideas. The third edition of his accessible introduction to phonetics has now been fully updated to reflect the latest trends in the field. It retains Peter Ladefoged's expert writing and knowledge, and combines them with Sandra Ferrari Disner's essential updates on topics including speech technology.

Vowels and Consonants explores a wide range of topics, including the main forces operating on the sounds of languages; the acoustic, articulatory, and perceptual components of speech; and the inner workings of the most modern text-to-speech systems and speech recognition systems in use today. The third edition is supported by an accompanying website featuring new data, and even more reproductions of the sounds of a wide variety of languages, to reinforce learning and bring the descriptions to life, at www.wiley.com/go/ladefoged.

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