Lesson Plan: English Phonetics Class

Objective:

Students will understand and practice the fundamental aspects of English phonetics, including vowels, consonants, and intonation.

Duration: 90 minutes

Materials:

- IPA chart

- Audio recordings of various phonemes

- Handouts with practice exercises

- Mirror for each student (optional)

I. Introduction (10 minutes)

A. Explain the importance of phonetics in language learning

B. Briefly overview the lesson structure

II. Vowels (25 minutes)

A. Introduce the concept of vowels

B. Explain the differences between monophthongs and diphthongs

C. Demonstrate and practice 5 key vowel sounds:

1. /i:/ as in "sheep"

2. /æ/ as in "cat"

3. /ʊ/ as in "book"

4. /ɔ:/ as in "saw"

5. /ə/ as in "about"

D. Group activity: Vowel sound identification game

III. Consonants (25 minutes)

A. Introduce the concept of consonants

B. Explain the differences between voiced and voiceless consonants

C. Demonstrate and practice 5 key consonant sounds:

1. /p/ and /b/ (bilabial plosives)

2. /θ/ and /ð/ (dental fricatives)

3. /ʃ/ (post-alveolar fricative)

D. Pair activity: Minimal pairs practice

IV. Intonation (20 minutes)

A. Explain the concept of intonation and its importance

B. Demonstrate rising and falling intonation patterns

C. Practice intonation in:

1. Yes/No questions

2. Wh-questions

3. Statements

D. Group activity: Intonation role-play

V. Practical Application (10 minutes)

A. Provide a short text for students to practice all learned concepts

B. Students read aloud, focusing on correct pronunciation and intonation

VI. Conclusion and Assessment (10 minutes)

A. Recap key points of the lesson

B. Quick quiz on vowels, consonants, and intonation patterns

C. Assign homework: Recording of a short paragraph applying learned concepts