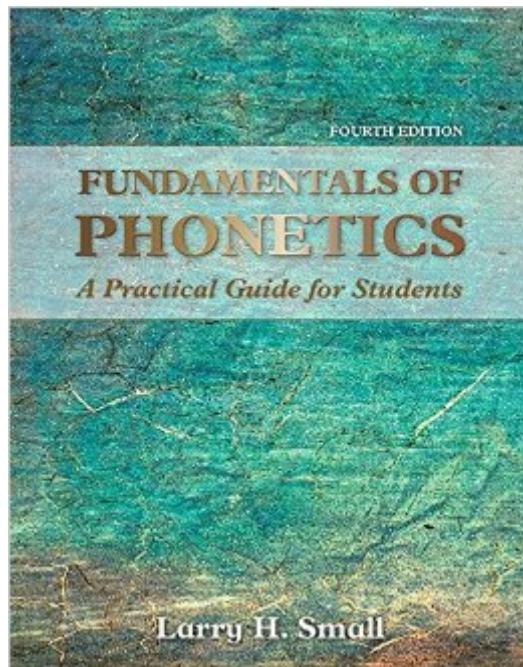


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# Fundamentals Of Phonetics: A Practical Guide For Students (4th Edition)



## **Synopsis**

Note: This text does not come with the audio cd. To order the 3 audio CD set, use ISBN 013403306X. To order the audio CD packaged with this text, use ISBN 0134204816. Here is a clear, systematic introduction to the fundamentals of linguistic phonetics with a total learning package designed to help students become proficient in phonetics and phonetic transcription. Fundamentals of Phonetics by Larry Small provides speech and hearing students with a good understanding of phonetics principles through practice. The text uses in-text exercises and supplemental audio recordings to teach the practical skills necessary to successfully perform phonetic transcription of individuals using the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA). Students learn about the transcription of consonants and vowels, connected speech, and individuals with speech sound disorders. A chapter on speech acoustics introduces spectrograms and the acoustic characteristics of speech sounds. Students also learn how to transcribe individuals who display regional and ethnic dialectal variation of speech, including those who have learned to speak English as a second language. Throughout the text are included chapter objectives, learning exercises, in-class and take-home assignments, online resources, and study questions that will help students learn, process, and practice the material presented in the text.

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After looking at a number of textbooks for a course in English phonetics, I decided to use Fundamentals of Phonetics by Larry Small. The book almost teaches itself. There are hundreds of

short exercises that students can use on their own. The answer key at the back of the book covers a vast majority of the learning tools. My task as a teacher is greatly simplified. The examples and diagrams are clear. I also like the enclosed CD with sample utterances. I would have preferred that the audio tapes mentioned in the text be included on the CD, rather than as a separate purchase.

I found the book to be very well organized and a useful reference. The CD was not as helpful. The author could have done more with the CD, putting more material to get his message across. All in all though, for someone studying G.A. phonology in another country, this has proved to be a sound guide.

I am using this book for my "Applied Phonetics" class and it is working out great. It is very thorough and well put together. I haven't opened the cd yet so I am not sure how helpful that is. I have been working through the book at a steady pace and haven't felt like anything is negative about this book, I really like it so far. Obviously if you are buying this you need it for something to do with speech/language or for a class so it might be required. It is worth the money and make sure you buy it new or you will do a lot of erasing and whiting-out. This is a workbook with pages and pages of writing exercises.

The book is definitely used and some of the pages I needed were ripped out (such as assignments) but I knew that when I bought it used. The text is readable, easy to follow. The tables are very useful. Review questions are very clear and concise. Thanks for the seller! Really needed this for class and career.

Very well written, I love the organization of ideas. It is set up to make you totally understand the concepts and succeed in the class. I really like how they have in chapter assignment with answered after every presented idea

I needed a textbook quickly and saw that these guys had what I needed. Service was excellent and everything went smoothly. Although it took a while for the book to come, it came eventually as described.

This book was so easy to understand & use for my intro to phonetics class. Very well organized. Thank you for your rapid delivery as well.

Phonetics was an entirely new language for me. The book was very helpful. Used as a reference for other classes(lang development in children, phonological disorders, speech acoustics, etc)

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