

A Study of Articulation of Vowel Sounds to Trace Impact of Malay Language on Malaysian Variety of English

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The impact of the mother tongue of the speakers on whatever language they speak is beyond doubt. Malaysian universities present the same scenario where the medium of instruction for the most part remains English. The English spoken by Malay L1 speakers bears the impact of their mother tongue. This is especially true when it comes to articulation of long vowel sounds. The length of the vowels is different from RP and this is an interesting phenomenon to study. The present study aims at analyzing the phonological features of long vowels articulated by Malay L1 speakers. The researcher will collect data by using a paragraph comprising long vowel sounds. A sample of 100 L1 speakers of Malay will articulate the paragraph which will result in recording of the required data. The data thus collected will be analyzed by using the software PRAAT. This research will help trace the impact of the Malay mother tongue on English and analyze the phonological features of English long vowels.