

**Abstract**

The article presents different views on vowel length in different accents of English. The results of the acoustic study of /i/-/ɪ/ and /u/-/ʊ/ duration in different parts of the utterance are described. The results enable to confirm steady increase of vowel duration before a voiced consonant compared to a voiceless one. The contrast turns out more noticeable within the parts with the nuclear tone, especially the complex one, and with hesitation lengthening of the segments.