

Session Three.docx Session 2: The English Vowels Vowels are produced without the obstruction of the air when it moves from the lungs to the vocal tract. A white background with black text Description automatically generated Cardinal Vowels They are often known as the eight primary cardinal vowels. There is a large number of vowel sounds with different degrees of length (short or long) described in relation to the cardinal vowels. The cardinal vowels are not typical of English or any other language. It is near to the cardinal vowel [u] but it is more open. This vowel is near to the cardinal vowel [i]. – ? – ? – ? 20 4 – ? 5 – ? 6 – ?