

## Producing Consistent Vowel Sounds

One element that contributes to good barbershop singing and the 'lock and ring' of chords is the consistent production of vowel sounds by all members of the chorus. In order to help achieve this goal, the music team has selected a set of key words to represent each vowel sound, diphthong and triphthong that we sing.

When we sing a song, these words will be referenced to ensure that we are all creating the same vowel sound. As an example – if we are having trouble singing 'your' consistently, we will be reminded that 'your' is to be sung like 'tour'.

We will also use these keywords in our vocal warm-ups, step one in re-enforcing the vowel sound for key words in our songs.

### Vowel Sound -Keywords

EE	Peep
IH	Pip
EH	Pep
AY	Mate
AE or A	Black
AH	Pop, Father
AW	Paw
OH	Pope
UU	Put
OO	Moon
UR	Purr
UH	Pup
Schwa	Syst <u>U</u> hm

### Diphthongs, Triphongs - Keywords

AH-EE	My
AH-OO	Cow
AY-EE	Pay
OH-OO	No
OH-EE	Boy

### Complexes of R

Beer
Tour
Care