

## Preface

For eleven years, it has been being an outcome of my experiences in teaching the first year students in Bachelor's degree program in English at Buriram Rajabhat University (BRU). I have seen many different problems of the first year students' English pronunciation and I have kept on making an effort to do research on problems and guidelines on solving English students' pronunciation problems. This is intentionally the purpose of writing this textbook for the students who are taking the course of "**English Phonetics**". I am sure that it is useful for learners or students who are learning English phonetics or for those who are learning and teaching other related courses such as Linguistics, Introduction to Linguistics or English syntax. This textbook is divided into eight chapters organized according to the course description set by BRU and taught in my English Phonetics classes. Each chapter provides question reviews to express their idea and understanding. All eight chapters not only encourage English students to practice pronunciation skills but also help them develop listening and speaking skills.

Hopefully, this textbook will help learners or students to develop their pronunciation skills, use correct English, listen to and understand native speakers more or less, and they should be able to apply their knowledge in their daily life more correctly, efficiently and strategically than they were before.

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