

Segment inventories

These are inventories of the consonant and vowel phonemes found in particular languages.

How can we **describe**, **classify**, and **distinguish** the sounds in these inventories?

I. Vowel inventories

1. Abkhazian: i a
2. Aleut: i u a
3. Salishan: i u ə a
4. Campa: i e o a
5. Swahili: i e a o u
6. Persian/Farsi: i e æ u o ɒ
7. Mandarin: i e y u o a
8. Kanakanabu: i e u ʁ a u o
9. Turkish: i y ɨ u e ø a o
10. Vietnamese: i e ɛ æ u o ɔ u ʁ ʌ a

II. Consonant inventories

11. Cherokee: d g s h z m n l w j
12. Suena:
p^h t^h k^h b d g s dz
m n r w j
13. Fante:
p t k k^w b d g g^w
f s h h^w m n r j w

(Based on Whitley 1978, via UCSC)