

## HU VOWEL PAIRS

**Front** vowels **eé, íí, öő, üú** are produced in the frontal part of the mouth. The tongue is in **high** position, so they are often also called the High Vowels.

**Back** or low vowels **aá, oó, uú** are produced in the rear (guttural) part of the mouth. The tongue is positioned **low** and **back** towards the throat and lends a guttural timbre to the sound.

Lip rounding goes progressively firmer as it applies to this array here: **öő, oó, uú, üú**

FRONT		BACK	
EÉ (short/long)	cat/Scottish cake (cake: lip corners spread and lifting)	AÁ (short/long)	<u>cot</u> / (jaw dropped (SHORT)/ <u>car</u> /( jaw dropped, LONG sound)
ÍÍ (short/long)	hit/heat ship/sheep	OÓ (short/long)	<u>core</u> / <u>coal</u> (Scottish coal)
ÖÖ (short/long)	fur (short/long)	UÚ (short/long)	<u>put</u> / <u>cool</u> (lip rounding intense)
ÜÚ (short/long)	Über <del>taxi</del> , hey DOOD! (short/long) (lip rounding <b>very intense</b> )..... (whistling lips position and simultaneous attempt to pronounce "i" like in "hit", resulting in Ü sound)		