

APPENDIX 4: SPELLING AND SPEAKING

a **consonants and vowels** in speaking: When you put one part of the mouth on or near another part of the mouth, you are making a consonant sound. When you do not do this, you are making a vowel sound.

b **consonants and vowels** in spelling:

the letters **a e i o** always show a vowel sound (or part of it).

the letter **u** usually shows a vowel sound (or part of it) – **under, sound** – but, at the beginning of a word, it can sometimes show a consonant sound – **use, university**.

the letters **w** and **y** show a consonant sound at the beginning of a word – **with, young** – but a vowel sound at the end – **grow, happy**.

the other letters in the alphabets are always consonants.

c In every word with more than one part, one part of the word usually sounds stronger than the other part. This strong part is called **stress**:

before

manage

enter

develop

prefer